

## To Russia with love!

By Tom McLaughlin

This past July a group made up of 10 Mississippi Baptist students and two directors took part in the first mission project for over 70 years in the USSR. This project will never be reported by the major news services or counted as a significant event in the history of man. However, for those of us who have been praying many years for Christians behind the Iron Curtain nothing that has happened to eastern Europe these past eight months has held more significance. Who would have thought as school began last year that by summer's end Mississippi BSU'ers would be helping in construction and renovation of a church in Leningrad? Yes, Mr. Clower, God is good.

The Soviet Baptists call their church "The Temple of the Gospel." They meet in what was originally a Russian Orthodox church which had been converted into a factory and is now being converted back into a church. Mississippi students formed the last of four BSU teams working with church members to restore the building.

During our stay we had permission from the government to live in the homes of Soviet Baptists. For all of us that experience will be a treasured memory. Although there was a language barrier it did not prove to be a hindrance. We really felt loved and appreciated! In fact I think the guys were spoiled by their new Soviet "mothers." "Mamma" and "Papa" were not only titles, but, reflections of genuine relationships by the time we left.

We discovered a profound love for Jesus Christ and a powerful evangelistic zeal in the church. Services always lasted at least two hours and no one even thought of fussing at the preacher. Our entire group was moved by the powerful invitations where hundreds wept for the lost and people knelt at the altar in tears of repentance. I must confess to feeling like an intruder more than once during these services.

Most of our Soviet friends had never met an American prior to this summer and most of us had never met a Russian. After a few days our group shared some of the same impressions, "They sure don't look like Russians!" Later in our visit one of the church members said to me, "You don't look like Americans! Many stereotypes were shattered, on both sides.

If I have given the impression that all is well now that there is a new "openness" in the Soviet Union, please forgive me. Though we will never forget the smiles, the hugs, and laughter with our newfound brothers and sisters we will never forget the other side: the price Christians have paid and are still paying for their faith; the masses of people who do not know Christ and live without any sense of hope; those we watched day by day never talking, never smiling, always suspicious, and always alone. There was nothing in their eyes — just the same blank stare. I have not been able to get that picture out of my mind. I don't think any of us ever will get over that part of the trip.

Nevertheless, this is one team that when asked, "Would you come back again?" responded without hesitation, "Give us a couple of weeks with our families, two or three hamburgers, and we will be ready to come back and help some more."

McLaughlin is BSU director, Miss. Delta Junior College, Moorehead.



Mississippi Paul Thibodeaux, right, is missionary to Eastern Europe. He and Leningrad church member Sergei meet with student mission team members.

role individual Christians and some churches played in the moves toward democracy and examine opportunities for church growth and the freedom to spread the gospel in new and innovative ways," said Robert Thornton, vice president of television production and programming for the RTVC.

"In profiling individual Christians, it will emphasize their past struggles, present lifestyles and hopes."

Thornton and Bernie Hargis, an RTVC television producer, will soon return to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, accompanied by a camera crew, to videotape the documentary, slated to be shown on ABC in December.

"With new freedoms, churches are blossoming in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union," Thornton said.

"Christians call it a miracle. In Moscow, he said, there is a new sense of hope and freedom."

## Leningrad church invites additional student mission teams

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) — The success of a student mission project this summer in the Soviet Union has led to an invitation for two additional student teams in December.

Four Southern Baptist student mission teams this summer worked in the historic project to restore a church building in the city of Leningrad.

The project was the first time Southern Baptists had been allowed to conduct mission projects in the Soviet Union, according to Brad Gray, consultant for world student missions in the Sunday School Board's student ministry department.

"The victory of the project is that they have invited us back," he said.

Twelve-member construction teams are being requested for Dec. 8-22, 1990, and Dec. 28, 1990 - Jan. 11, 1991.

Because of the need to process passports and visas and provide names for approval by the Soviet government, the teams must be identified by Aug. 31, Gray said.

Gray said preference will be given to states which did not participate in the summer project. The four teams this summer represented Tennessee, Mississippi, Texas, and a joint team

from Kentucky and Alabama.

Like the summer teams, the groups will be doing construction work to restore a building which the government has given to the Temple of the Gospel Church.

The church has an objective of completing the restoration within a year. Money is available to the church now to fund the construction work and might not be available if work is delayed, Gray said.

Gray predicted that additional teams will be invited after the December groups.

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## USSR program will air December

FORT WORTH, TEXAS — Scenes from Christian life in the Soviet Union will be included in a one-hour television documentary the Radio and Television Commission is producing on recent and current historical changes in Eastern Europe. The documentary will highlight the changes' impact on Christianity.

"The documentary will explore the

Central Baptist Church holds six services a week and has numerous outreach ministries, including work with labor camp inmates.

"In Kiev, Baptist churches are constructing new buildings to accommodate expanded membership and are holding evangelistic services in parks, libraries, schools, theaters and stadiums. Posters and newspaper ads freely promote Christian activities."

The first Baptist Church in Leningrad, is thriving. It has 2,500 members, seven mission churches, and a number of outreach ministries, including Christian music concerts in parks and youth discussions involving Christians and atheists.

The Second Baptist Church in Oradea, Romania, has 2,500 members and only 960 seats, but is planning a 4,000-seat auditorium. At present, members crowd the aisles and spill outside the church building as they stand through three-hour worship services.

In Timisoara, Romania, pastor Peter Dugelescu — who in December was involved in demonstrations that spread throughout Romania and that led to the downfall of the Ceausescu regime — preaches in a new Baptist church.

Thornton and Hargis returned with what they believe is a "feel" for the spirit of Christians in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union who have new hope. Through the documentary, they hope to share that understanding with others.

## Mississippi student participates in historic mission project

By Shannon Simpson

For Scott Walters, the signs of Russia's humility, in accordance with 2 Chron. 7:14, are everywhere. God is prospering Christians there, and healing the nation because it has assumed a humility before the Lord.

"God really worked on my heart about that," said Walters in a telephone interview. "It makes me so sad for our country, because we are so arrogant, with all the materialism and everything."

"Here, you can't tell us from the world. We're losing God's healing because we aren't humble."

Walters, 21, was one of 10 young men from Mississippi who participated in a BSU mission to Leningrad this summer (see story on this page, "To Russia With Love.") The purpose of the mission was to help with a renovation project on the Temple of the Gospel.

The Jones County Junior College student said that the humility he witnessed in the Russian Christians was the greatest impression left on him by the entire trip. The humility was made most evident in the scene he says he will never forget — a 70-year-old woman helping to dig a hole in the foundation of the church. The hole was the beginning of a stairwell leading to basement seating for the congregation which worships at the Temple of the Gospel. Walters also saw the same woman on her



Radio and Television Commission staffer Bernie Hargis, left, and Robert Thornton, vice president of television production and programming for the RTVC, are shown on survey trip in preparation for production of RTVC's documentary about Christians in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. St. Basil's Cathedral is in the background. (Photo by Melynda Wester)

knees, scrubbing a floor.

Another memorable experience for Walters was the night he shared his testimony with a Russian woman who could speak no English. Since he spoke no Russian, Walters used a dictionary and sign language. The message apparently got across, for she was in tears by the time they finished "talking."

"Worship services there are a lot different from ours," observed Walters. The way they pray is different, too. Lots of people get up during the service and walk down the aisle, sort of as the Spirit moves them, to deliver prayer requests that are written on pieces of paper. At the end of the service, the person leading the intercessory prayer will take these papers from a basket and read off them during his prayer.

"And people would rush down the aisle to get saved at the invitation. People there just weep openly, and stand with their hands up to heaven, praying. It is really awesome to see."

"The whole trip was so humbling and convicting for me. I had a keen awareness of God's work there, and his will for me and the rest of the team to be there. It was just as much a change in my life as when I got saved."

Simpson is a staff writer for the Baptist Record.



# Editorials . . . by Don McGregor

## Most critical time

Southern Baptists are facing the most critical time in their 145-year history. Observers are predicting that a new convention will be formed within the next two years.

The moderate element that feels it is being forced in that direction declares that it does not want to break away but wonders if it has a choice.

This publication would not presume to tell either side what to do. The group that must make a choice, however, is the moderate element. Surely that group has considered the cost, but it goes beyond the loss of convention institutions. If there are two conventions of the same kind of folks in the same area, some terrible choices will be required of all. Churches within a few miles or a few blocks of each other will have to decide which way to go. Perhaps for many, or even most, the choice would be easy. For some, however, it would be an excruciating choice. The choice would divide many churches.

The cost would be frightful. Whether or not both groups could relate to the same state conventions would have to be considered. The problem at this point is in the control of Southern Baptist institutions and not those in the states.

The breakaway group, however, would have to start over in building every institution beyond the state conventions. They would no longer be Southern Baptists, so their annuity programs would have to be rebuilt. For many in that program, such a change could be a devastating ex-

perience. What is already there would remain in trust, but it would be awhile before future deposits would match what are being made now.

The new group would be bound to honor the Great Commission, but nationwide and worldwide missions programs would have to be started from the ground up.

The Southern Baptist Alliance has maintained from the beginning that it does not intend to begin a new denomination. It has said that its organization is for fellowship. And the very name of Baptists Committed to the Southern Baptist Convention would indicate that group does not intend to break away. Let's pray that such resolves hold firm.

The plea from this publication all along has been for those groups to bend with the wind and wait for the storm to blow through. The storm has been with us a long time and will be for a long time more. It will not be over during the lifetimes of many now waiting. By waiting, however, the children or the grandchildren of those now feeling dispossessed gradually will be welcomed back into the fold. Once the group has left, however, there will be no turning back.

The moderates need their meetings such as was held in Atlanta and the state fellowship gatherings. They are happy, upbeat meetings that give them a chance to enjoy the fellowship.

The crux of the disagreement is money. Moderates say they can no longer trust the SBC Executive Committee, the body that forms SBC

budget proposals. In recent years the Executive Committee has led the convention to alter a great deal of the funding process that had been in place for decades.

Jess Moody, pastor of First Church, Van Nuys, Calif., has made a proposal that might allow Southern Baptists to live in peace with each other as long as there are two sides. His suggestion is to establish the membership on the boards of trustees in the same relationship as is experienced in the votes of the convention. The problem there is that there might not always be competing presidential candidates, and there might not always be votes that would divide moderates from fundamentalists.

If that division could be determined, however, it might provide a way to coexist in peace.

SBC President Morris Chapman says it is the moderates who must take the first steps toward peace. The moderates say they are without power to take any steps at all.

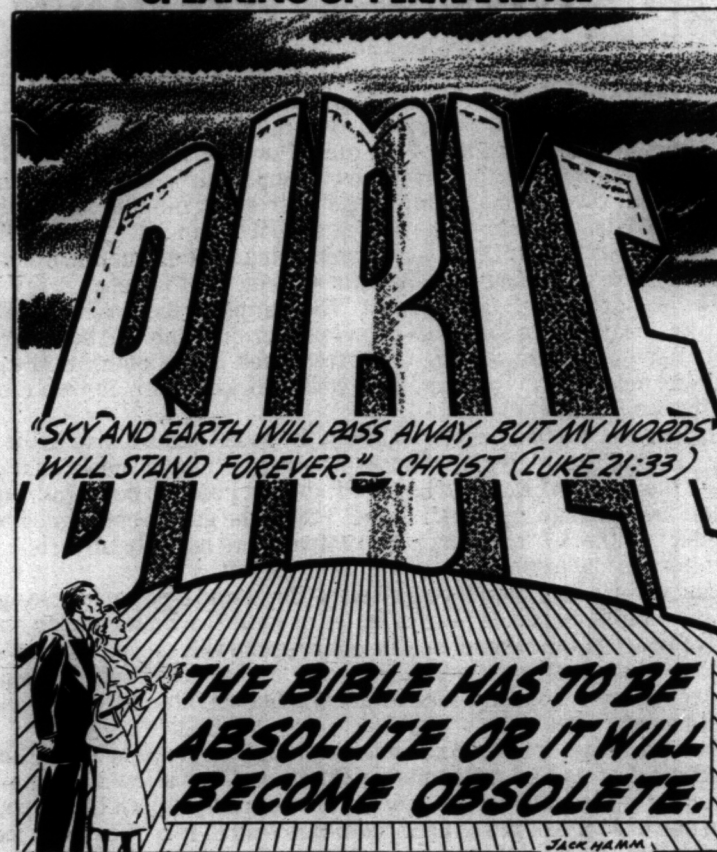
It seems the time has come for everyone to quit worrying about who should do what and take it upon themselves to do whatever they can.

One wonders how the two groups could exist side by side. Though there are extremes, the theological concepts are not a great deal different. The philosophies and ideologies, however, are a long way apart.

What can we do?

Chapman has been quoted as saying that the moderates have moved away from theological conservatism

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and now are moving away from cooperative procedures. In the first instance he is mistaken, and in the second he could be right. He is the only one, however, who would be able to halt the move away from cooperation. He has also been quoted as saying that if the moderates want to move out, let them do it.

Again he is correct; for if they finally decide to go, there would be no way to stop them.

President Chapman holds the key. He said that he would make the priority of his tenure widening the tent and lengthening the stakes. His indeed

may be the most critical presidency in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Now is the time to get started. The hour is very, very late.

The moderates say they are looking to the Lord for leadership and will not make a move without it. We can only wait with them to see what the future holds for them and, because of what they might do, for all Southern Baptists.

Pray for Chapman. Was there ever an SBC president with such a load on his shoulders?

## Guest opinion . . .

## What do you call a female Barnabas?

By Marjean Patterson

While attending the Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union recently in New Orleans, I received a late-night call to advise me of the death of one of God's choice women on earth. The next morning, my sister and I hurried away from New Orleans and went to Atlanta in order to be present for the homegoing celebration service for the life of Viola Herndon.

J. V. and Viola Herndon had been the backbone of my home church, Northside Park Baptist, in Atlanta. A deacon from his teenaged years, J. V. had served in every leadership capacity in the church, I'm sure, except for that of pastor.

The Herndons, though childless themselves, took a special and active interest in the youth of our church. How well I remember Sunday night fellowships, outings of various kinds, banquets, and trips which they organized and made possible for us. They were our BTU leaders, and we were encouraged to participate in Bible drills and in speakers' tournaments. After more than 40 years, I still consider as one of my prized possessions a little book which I received when I was our church's

representative to the Atlanta Association's youth speakers' tournament.

These were leaders who wanted to push back the horizons for the youth in their church. I can never forget the encouragement which Mrs. Herndon gave me when she led the church WMU to pay the expenses for another girl and me to attend YWA Conference at Ridgecrest. My life was changed during the week in 1948.

Subsequently they made college and seminary experiences much more comfortable for me as they drove me to East Tennessee to enroll at Carson-Newman College. They frequently made trips to Jefferson City to visit "their girl." How proud I was when they were able to attend my college graduation!

One year later they drove me to Louisville, where I would enter seminary. They returned to Kentucky two years later in order to be present for my graduation. Every month that I was in college and seminary, I received a most-welcome and needed check from these dear ones. Had it not been for their love and interest, I literally do not know what I'd have done during those student days.

Through all the years I've continued to have letters, calls, and visits from the Herndons. When Mothers' Day rolled around each year, I was always privileged to have TWO mothers to remember! My own mother died in December and my "other" mother died within six months.

I really do not know what to call a female Barnabas! I just know that without the encouragement, support,

and love of Viola Herndon, there would be some woman other than me serving as executive director of Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union today!

I truly thank God for lay people who actively love the youth of their churches enough to leave huge deposits of themselves in their lives.

Marjean Patterson is executive director, Mississippi WMU.

## Hymns Baptists sing . . .

## "Jesus is Lord of all"

By William J. Reynolds

In the summer of 1966, Southern Baptist youth from many states gathered at Glorieta for the youth conference. The theme for the week was "Jesus Is Lord."

LeRoy McClard, the state music director for the Illinois State Baptist Association, was invited to serve as music director for the youth conference. In planning the music for the Glorieta conference, he was concern-

ed that there was no appropriate hymn to support the conference theme.

When the week was over, he returned to his home in Carterville, Illinois, and with this concern in his heart and the spirit of the conference evident in his life, he wrote both words and music for "Jesus Is Lord of All."

In relating how the hymn was written (See **HYMNS** on page 4)

## A new service

A new service for Mississippi Baptists is being initiated with this week's issue of the Baptist Record. It is an insert prepared by the communications office of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board that details the projects and the plans of the program areas of the board. The insert will be a part of the Baptist Record every other month.

The ground work for the insert was first laid during the tenure of Earl Kelly as executive director-treasurer and has been brought into a working arrangement by Tim Nicholas, communication director. He has worked hard to bring the effort into fruition.

The Baptist Record is happy to be able to offer our facilities as a vehicle for distribution of the insert. We feel that the insert will be a valuable tool to churches in their planning.

The Pastor's Mailout will be phased out. Instead, on alternate months a new publication giving details of programs and projects will be mailed to church leaders. Then on the other months the Baptist Record will carry the insert to every subscribing family.

We commend this to our readers. We feel it is a worthwhile venture.

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## Board recommends 1991 budget of \$20,867,165

By Tim Nicholas

Members of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are recommending a 1991 Cooperative Program budget of \$20,867,165.

The budget, which goes to the full Mississippi Baptist Convention in November for consideration, also has a challenge portion. The challenge amount is \$500,000, the first half of which will be allocated to Christian education through the Education Commission, and the next quarter million "to be allocated at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Board." Any higher gifts will be allocated with the regular percentage formula for the various agencies of the convention.

In discussion of the budget, board member Joe Strahan of Beaumont, made a motion to amend the budget to allocate a one-half percentage increase to Southern Baptist causes outside the state, rather than the quarter percent in the proposed budget.

In discussion, budget committee chairman Larry Otis of Tupelo, noted that in 1984 general agreement was made in convention to raise Cooperative Program giving one-half percent a year to the year 2000.

Otis said the agreement was made assuming that church Cooperative Program giving would rise proportionately. He said that amount has not increased in proportion, thus, the recommendation not to continue raising the percentage at the same rate.

The motion to amend failed. And the budget passed as recommended. The total amount going to SBC

causes if the budget is passed in November would be \$7,668,680, or 36.75 percent to the budget. With the increase in budget and the increase by a quarter percent going to SBC causes, the total SBC-related increase is \$515,693.

In the suggested budget, Christian education would get \$3.5 million, with an additional \$650,000 to capital needs, and another \$138,000 to the Board of Ministerial Education.

The Children's Village gets \$396,000; Christian Action Commission, \$204,900; Expanded Church Annuity Plan, \$800,000; Historical Commission, \$40,107; Mississippi Baptist Medical Center, \$175,000 for hardship assistance, education, and capital needs; and the Foundation, \$185,779. Convention Board programs and ministries would receive \$6,648,023, plus \$460,667 for capital needs.

In other business, the board approved the auditing firm of Peat Marwick Main and Co. to continue as auditors for the board, and affirmed the Executive Committee's election of Guy Henderson as editor of the Baptist Record to replace the retiring Don McGregor. Henderson is director of the Evangelism Department of the MBCB and a former foreign missionary to Korea and to the Philippines.

Executive director-treasurer Bill Causey said he had wanted "somebody whose heart burned with missions, whose heart burned with evangelism, somebody with a pastoral and theological background

at this time instead of a journalistic background." He said that his recommendation of Henderson had "absolutely nothing to do with the situation in Nashville" (the firing of two Baptist Press editors) "and nothing to do with any pressure on your executive director," said Causey.

In a report, Causey recommended the gathering of laypersons in Mississippi to brainstorm "How can we get every human being in Mississippi to hear and respond in a brief period of time?" He also wanted to investigate how to begin a statewide jail ministry, and a Sunday Care Program — to reach unchurched persons such as those who work on Sundays. The board approved all three recommendations.

Earlier in the day, the Executive Committee approved the dedication of the 1990 convention annual to Earl Kelly, retired executive director-treasurer of the board.

Also, the committee approved spending up to \$13,000 for a new pick-up truck for the Baptist Building, increased the per mile compensation for board employee travel to 13 from 12 cents per mile, gave permission to upgrade the disaster relief tractor by up to \$22,000, approved Baptist Center repairs and equipment replacement for \$5,552.21, and added G.A. McCoy of Pearl River Association and Paul Smith of Walthall Association, replacing David Raddin and Bartis Harper of those respective associations who moved.

Nicholas is director of communications, MBCB.

## Student convention: Sept. 28-30

The 1990 Mississippi Baptist Student Union Convention will take place Sept. 28-30 at First Church, Clinton, with the theme "Chosen and Called."

Bible study leader will be William Hendricks, professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky. He will speak on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

Delivering the Saturday evening mission challenge to the college students will be Bill O'Brien, executive vice president at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. O'Brien will also be Bible study leader for Sunday morning's worship service.

Jenny McLemore, a musician from Conyers, Ga., will be the music leader and soloist.

Other musicians include the Jones County Community College choir which will do the theme interpretation, and Melanie Rawls of Gulf Coast Community College, who will sing.

Giving a missions testimony will be members of the student-director team which recently did church renovation work in Russia.

Among the special conference sessions will be the following topics and leaders: New Age, led by Hendricks; Chemical Dependency on Campus, led by Joe Higgins; Developing a Positive Self-Image, Bobby Williamson; Simplified Lifestyle, Steve Odom; AIDS, Mary Holyfield; Maintaining the Temple — How to Achieve Physical Fitness, Jim Baker; Tension Getters: Managing Stress on College Campus, Bradley Pope; Christian Response to Cults and the Occult, Chris Elkins; Seminary Education, led by various representatives; Future Shock: a Look at Missions 2000, O'Brien; Summer Missions: Students Touching the World, led by

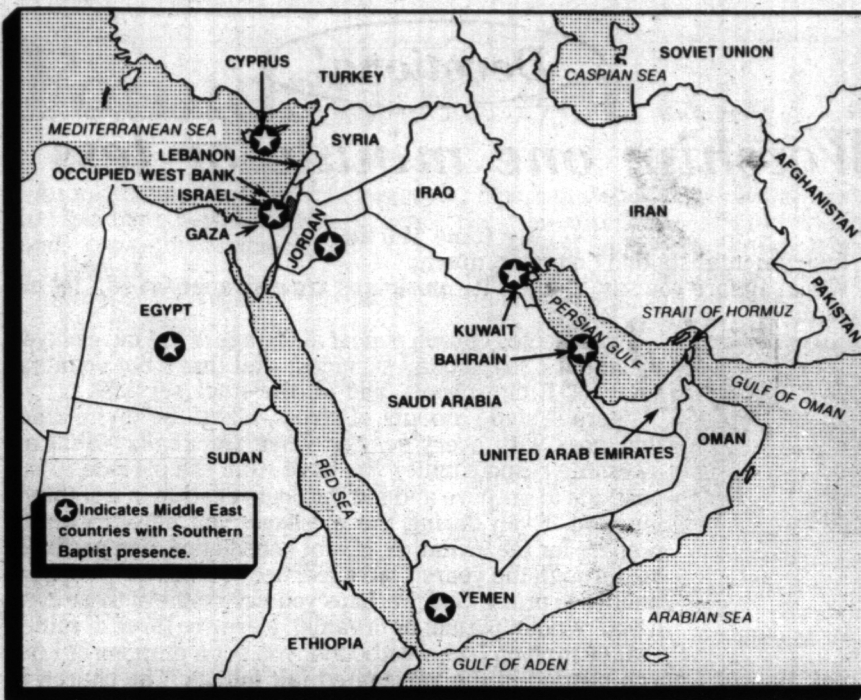


Hendricks

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a panel of former summer missionaries; A day in the Life of a Missionary, Susan Puckett; and Urban Ministry, Eddie Spencer. A separate conference will feature training for black student leadership.

State BSU president is Sara Barker, a student at Mississippi State University. The convention is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Department of Student Work.



**MIDDLE EAST SITUATION** — No Southern Baptists employed by the Foreign Mission Board are in Iraq or Saudi Arabia. Some 160 Southern Baptist workers are assigned to the Middle East and the Muslim countries of northern Africa. The countries and areas where they work (indicated by stars on the map) include Jordan, Israel, the West Bank and Gaza, Egypt, Yemen, Cyprus and Bahrain. (BP MAP by Wayne Hundley)

## Mrs. Graham, sons, on list, but not on jet

By Erich Bridges and Art Toalston

**AMMAN, Jordan (BP)** — The names of Southern Baptist worker Laurie Graham and her two sons were on the passenger list of a flight carrying Americans out of Kuwait Sept. 8. But they were not on the jet when it arrived in Amman, Jordan, at midnight.

The next evacuation flights now are scheduled for Sept. 12 and 15, a U.S. State Department spokesman said.

Explanations of why they were not on the Sept. 8 flight were sketchy. In Washington, a State Department

spokesman said there were a number of "glitches" on the lists of American women and children flown out of Iraq-controlled Kuwait Sept. 7 and 8.

In Amman, U.S. officials also offered bare-bones comments about the listing of the Grahams on the Sept. 8 evacuation flight from Kuwait. "I imagine they will be getting on other charter flights," a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

Delays in the flights, confused information about passengers and

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## Hostage acts as chaplain

**RICHMOND, Va. (BP)** — Southern Baptist worker Maurice Graham has become an unofficial chaplain at the embattled U.S. Embassy in Kuwait, according to an American woman who was permitted to leave the country Aug. 23.

Graham was leading nightly prayer services at the embassy and was scheduling appointments for anyone wanting advice or a listening ear, said Deanna Darden of Dallas in a telephone interview Aug. 31.

Darden was in a 33-car convoy of embassy-related officials and dependents that left Kuwait Aug. 23. She and 51 other women and children

finally crossed into Turkey Aug. 26 after three nights of uncertainty in Baghdad, Iraq's capital. Her husband, Monte, was among some 50 U.S. men in the convoy who were detained in Baghdad as hostages.

Monte Darden is a highway engineer with the Federal Highway Administration who had been involved in road-building projects for the Kuwaiti government. The Dardens had been scheduled to be on an 11 a.m. flight Aug. 2 that would have concluded their four-year stint in Kuwait. Iraqi troops, however, invaded the country in the early morning hours that day.

## Disaster vehicle explodes

**CREST HILL, Ill. (BP)** — The Illinois Baptist Men organization's disaster relief truck was destroyed Aug. 30 in a propane explosion as volunteers prepared to serve lunch to victims of a tornado and to workers who were there helping with the clean-up.

The explosion and resulting "fireball" injured four people, one seriously, at about 9:30 a.m. in this community southwest of Chicago. The fire turned the semi-tractor/trailer rig and its contents into blackened rubble.

A propane tank on the trailer was being refilled from a propane supply truck when the explosion occurred.

Joliet, Ill., Fire Chief George Plese said the blast was caused by improper fueling of the storage tank without

shutting off appliances before hand. Rob Carr, state Brotherhood Services director, said the storage tank was overfilled, and exhausted propane was apparently ignited by a stove that stood 6 to 8 feet away.

Scott Sharp, with the propane company, received second and third degree burns over 35 percent of his body. He was in serious condition Sept. 4 at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill.

The three other injured people were Illinois Baptist volunteers.

After the explosion and fire became known, Baptist relief units from Mississippi, Texas, Missouri, and Tennessee were prepared to come and serve meals, Carr said. However, the Red Cross decided they would not be needed.



# Alliance hears Dunn give facts on BJC

James Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, told about 75 members of the Mississippi chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance last week that Southern Baptists are moving to fill in the financial gap left the agency when the Southern Baptist Convention reduced its funding from almost \$400,000 to \$50,000 at the convention in June in New Orleans.

All of the lost funding, however, has not been replaced at this point, he indicated; and the agency is continuing to serve on faith. During his message he pointed out some of the vital functions the agency has performed during the past few years such as the equal access law, which provides that public school students will be allowed to meet for prayer and Bible study in school facilities before or after school hours.

The SBA meeting was held at Northminster Church, Jackson.

Conventions of Texas, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Missouri, and New York have pledged aid, he said, but their budgets have yet to go into effect. He cautioned against the apathy of feeling that the agency would be getting more than it did before the convention action.

Dunn noted that freedom has spiritual roots and listed six axioms of freedom. First is the theological axiom that God is free and the source of all freedom. Second is the religious axiom that every human is free to come directly to God. Third is the church axiom that all believers have an equal right to freedom. Fourth is the moral axiom that to be responsible, one must be free. Fifth is the religio-civic axiom that notes a free

church in a free state. And sixth is the social axiom which would say, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Dunn spoke of three concentric circles of freedom. The inner circle is the biblical circle — soul freedom. The next is the freedom of religious liberty, which would declare that the person who insists on religious freedom for himself must insist on it for everyone. The outside circle, he said, is the governmental or constitutional circle — the separation of church and state.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is the religious liberty watchdog for nine Baptist conventions and is funded by those nine conventions. The conventions represent some 25 million Baptists. Almost 15 million of them are Southern Baptists.

Ramon Leake, pastor of First Church, Picayune, was named president of the Mississippi Chapter of the Southern Baptist Alliance. He follows Steve Odom, pastor of University Church, Hattiesburg.

There are three vice-presidents. Vice-president for programs is Howard Williams, associate pastor of Northside Church, Clinton. Vice-president for issues and information is Odom. Vice-president for membership is Buddy Wagner, religion professor at Mississippi College.

The secretary-treasurer is Suzanne Boone, a member at Northminster Church, Jackson.

Three executive committee members at large are Gary Bagley, pastor of First Church, Meridian; Ovin Ray, a lay member of Northside Church, Clinton; and Mrs. Marion Perry, a member of First Church, Philadelphia.

## Four from state will lead WMU project in Peru

A team of four women from Mississippi will go to Peru Sept. 15, to lead two weeks of conferences for Baptist Women in that South American country. On the team are Bobbie Foster, (Mrs. Ingram), First Church, Prentiss; Vickie Heath, (Mrs. Gerald), First Church, Jackson; Janet Murray, (Mrs. Leo), Broadmoor Church, Jackson; and Ashley McCaleb, (Mrs. Jimmy), Southside Church, Jackson. The latter is a consultant for the state Woman's Missionary Union.

Karl and Peggy Wallace, missionaries from Mississippi to Peru, are coordinators for this work project. Karl is in general evangelism. Peggy works with WMU, with the Baptist Women of Peru. Both Wallaces will travel with the group and will translate for them.

The four will lead workshops for Baptist Women in Lima, Piura, Chiclayo, Trujillo, Cajamarca, and Arequipa. Also they will visit English and Spanish language churches in Lima and a mountain village church in Cajamarca.

## Revival dates

Mt. Zion Church; Waynesboro, (Wayne); September 16-21. Talmadge Smith, DOM, Copiah and Lincoln associations, evangelist, Brookhaven; Shelia West, Zion Church, Waynesboro, music; services Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. nightly; Charles E. Abbey, pastor.

## Camp meeting

Crooked Creek Church, Silver Creek; camp meeting; Sept. 16-21; in open air pavilion on the Crooked Creek recreational grounds on Crooked Creek Road; Jimmy Yarbrough, pastor of New Hebron Church, New Hebron, pastor/evangelist for 43 years in Mississippi, Texas, and Tennessee, evangelist; morning study to be led by Joe Royalty, pastor of Crooked Creek Church, who as a minister for 46 years has preached and led Bible conferences in 40 states and six countries, Hubert Greer, Brookhaven, to lead the music; Rose Davis and Rhonda Cliburn, Crooked Creek, accompanists; Sunday services at 11 a.m. with lunch served in church fellowship hall; night services at 7; weekday mornings at 10.

## HYMNS

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ten, McClard recalled that the doctrine of the Lordship of Christ first became a reality to him in 1948 in a New Testament class at Southwestern Seminary taught by Dr. Jack MacGorman. This made a tremendous impression on his heart and life.

For almost a quarter century McClard has served in the Sunday School Board's Church Music Department and has had a significant role in guiding and developing Southern Baptists' church music program. The hymn written to fill a perceived void is sung frequently by our congregations as we strive to make Jesus Lord.

William J. Reynolds is professor of church music at Southwestern Seminary.

## Devotional

## Worship: one minute or less

By Irene Martin

Instrumentalists don't worship much. Whoa! Before you say, "I knew it; musicians are a strange breed," let me explain.



Martin

I was elected church pianist at the age of 8; I have played for about 4,500 Sunday services; and that's not counting revivals, Bible schools, and all the other services.

There is some amount of stress, albeit the joyful kind, that goes with every service when you realize what an awesome responsibility you have from the prelude to the postlude to prepare and aid the congregation in worshipping God. Even during the message, you must mentally prepare for the invitation, choral benediction, and postlude. So, through the years I have learned to seize quick opportunities to praise God. Perhaps you have some of these even if you're not a pianist or organist. Here are three of mine:

At 60 mph on I-20, westbound, you get a glimpse of Line Creek Baptist Church nestled in the variegated fall foliage. The church is situated about a quarter-mile across a pasture and is only visible in the fall and winter, and then the early morning sun reflects on the frosted grass like twinkling diamonds. Sometimes there are cattle in the pasture. And, as I pass, I think of "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills." I quickly survey the majesty of the little church with its steeple pointing toward heaven and I hum a few measures of "The Church's One Foundation." Worship time: 15 seconds.

At the church where I am Sunday morning organist, I go a few extra steps so I can walk down the aisle for the full view of the magnificent, stained glass work covering the north wall. With thousands of tiny pieces the artist, using Acts 2:3 as his inspiration, fashioned a cross and tongues of fire which, in graduated colors from pale yellow to deep ruby red, fairly dance in the reflecting sunlight. As I walk down the aisle, admiring the craftsman's handiwork, I pray that my playing will glorify God in this service. Worship time: 30 seconds.

Classical music is defined by some as "longhair." Classical music, however, is simply a composition which has endured. For instance, "Jesus Loves Me" is a classic as is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." One of the most beautiful pieces of music ever written is Beethoven's Ninth Symphony. Many composers have written majestic, glorious music; Beethoven's is that and much more. I think of his music as vast, like the Grand Canyon. It takes about an hour to listen to the entire Ninth Symphony, but 13 minutes into the last movement, which combines Beethoven's music with Schiller's "Ode to Joy," there is a very quiet orchestral passage of four measures; then, SUDDENLY, FORTISSIMO, a grand and glorious chorus proclaims the vale of earthly suffering is left behind; and the gates leading to heavenly joy are opened wide. No matter how frequently I hear this 57-second passage, I am overwhelmed with God's gift to us through Beethoven; and I am grateful for the part music plays in my adoration of Him. I know that nowhere in the Bible do angels sing, "... and the angels worshipped God, saying ..." — I suppose this is because angels have never experienced the joy of salvation — but I would like to think that, even now, an angelic chorus is rehearsing for eternity, "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee."

As an instrumentalist, I really do worship during the Sunday service; but there are also many special moments, all around, everyday, when we can "... worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness."

Martin is proofreader/secretary, the Baptist Record.

## Forest High to be site of "Go Tell" crusade

The Forest High School Stadium will be the site of Jaime Mayorga's "Go Tell" Crusade, Sept. 16-20. El Salvadorean evangelist Jaime Mayorga will lead the crusade throughout the week. Music evangelists will be Bob and Lolly Ready. The Saturday night service will feature Sam Smith of Howe, Indiana, with his Heavy Light laser show and multi-media presentation. Smith will appear for the precrusade youth rally to be held at the high school gymnasium, 7 p.m.

Monday the 17th will feature Bill Murray, son of atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Murray is now president of the William J. Murray Evangelistic Ministries in Dallas, Texas, dedicated to winning atheists to Christ.

Rick Stanley, step-brother of Elvis Presley, will be the featured speaker on Tuesday, Sept. 18. Stanley is known for his testimony on drug addiction and alcoholism.

The Mississippi-based contemporary Christian band, David and the Giants, will appear Thursday, the 20th. The group, comprised of David, Rayborn, Clayborn, Kellye, and Lance Huff, was nominated 1989 Contemporary Gospel Group of the Year by

CashBox Weekly magazine. The concert will be held next to the football field, and free pizza and Cokes will be available for all youths during the concert.

There will be a children's carnival Wednesday night, 5:30-6:30, for grades K-6. Clowns, magicians, ferris wheel, moon walk, and hot dogs are all free.

## NOBTS announces fall schedule

The schedule of classes has been announced for Term II of the 1990-91 academic year at the Clinton and Newton extension centers of New Orleans Seminary.

All courses accredited for the master of divinity and master of arts in Christian education degree programs are held at Mississippi College. Registration will be at 1 p.m., Oct. 22.

Courses for the associate of divinity degree program are held at Clarke College. Registration for the associate's level classes will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 22.

## KUWAIT

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reported threats to stop the evacuations apparently are part of a "cat-and-mouse game" Iraq is playing with westerners trying to leave Iraq and Kuwait, a U.S. official said.

Passenger lists for both flights contained the names of numerous Americans who were not aboard the jets when they arrived in Jordan, according to U.S. officials in Amman. Some 200 Americans were listed on the Sept. 7 flight, for example, but only 171 actually were counted after the jet arrived in Amman.

As late as mid-afternoon, Sept. 9, State Department personnel in Washington were confirming that Mrs. Graham and her sons had been on the Sept. 8 flight from Kuwait to Jordan and later had boarded a flight with 310 Americans bound for Charleston, S.C. Then the confirmations ceased. Mrs. Graham and her husband, Maurice, and their 10- and 13-year-old sons took refuge in the U.S. Embassy compound in Kuwait several days after Iraqi troops stormed the country Aug. 2.

Mrs. Graham and her sons apparently remain among an estimated 500 or more American women and children waiting to leave Kuwait via Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's Aug. 28 decree that foreign women and children may leave Iraq and

Kuwait. To date, more than 500 American women and children and a few men have been permitted to leave Kuwait.

Nine diplomatic personnel and five civilians are staying inside the U.S. Embassy compound, a State Department spokesman said Sept. 10. For several weeks after the invasion, the State Department had refused to disclose the number of Americans sheltered at the embassy, citing security reasons. By one estimate, it had been as high as 160, counting dependents of diplomatic personnel.

The Iraqis cut off water and electricity to the embassy after the U.S. refused to close it by Aug. 24. "I suspect there are some difficulties" at the embassy, a State Department spokesman said Sept. 10. "But we feel we can maintain the embassy on its current status."

According to news accounts, people at the embassy are drinking water from the swimming pool boiled over fires built from chopped-up pieces of furniture.

At the helm of the embassy is Ambassador W. Nathaniel "Nat" Howell, a Portsmouth, Va., native who grew up in Court Street Baptist Church there and was active in Baptist Student Union activities during undergraduate studies at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Bridges and Toalston write for FMB.



# Foundation set up to receive funds for Southern

An independent non-profit foundation has been established to receive funds to support Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Alumni and Friends of Theological Education, Inc. was incorporated in Kentucky Aug. 21 by H. Stephen Shoemaker, pastor of Crescent Hill Church in Louisville.

According to the foundation's articles of incorporation, its purpose is to advance and promote "all branches of learning, knowledge, research, and investigation whatsoever in the field of religious education"; establish endowments, scholarships, and other funds "for the use and benefit of" Southern Seminary and its students; and "to encourage, foster, promote, and implement the continuous education and activity of friends and alumni" of the seminary.

The foundation provides a way for alumni and friends to support Southern Seminary, even though they do not agree with the new conservative majority of the school's trustees, Shoemaker said.

"There are people afraid to give to a Southern Baptist agency like Southern Baptist Seminary who might give money to the institution if that money would not be controlled by people hostile to the heritage of the institution," he explained. "My major motive for the establishment of this fund is to provide a means by which people can continue to give freely and in good conscience to the Southern Baptist causes they love."

The foundation's articles of incorporation stipulate that gifts will be considered endowment unless otherwise noted and that the principal of the endowment will not be spent.

The articles also note that if three-fourths of the foundation's directors conclude that Southern Seminary "no longer fulfills its mission in a manner consistent with the heritage of the institution during the first . . . 125 years of its history, the directors may order that the benefits . . . be diverted to another educational institution — Southern Baptist entity, whether college, Southern Baptist Convention seminary, or Southern Baptist-sponsored seminary — whose mission statement provides for the training of ministers for the congregations and convention entities of the SBC and the various Baptist state conventions."

As an example of how the fund might be used, Shoemaker noted it could endow a professorship for "a kind of teaching the administration would like but that the trustees might not want to fund" with the seminary endowments and funds they control.

"It also gives the president some leverage to say, 'I am receiving from a source outside . . . I've got to be responsive to more than one constituency,'" Shoemaker added.

"There is some psychological satisfaction in knowing the gift is going to Southern without going through trustee hands and psychological assurance that the money never would be used for purposes with which the donor does not agree."

By Marv Knox

The foundation is to be directed by a self-perpetuating board of directors, composed of Southern Seminary alumni and friends. A four-member incorporating board will select the first ongoing board and develop bylaws in the first year, Shoemaker reported.

In addition to Shoemaker, the other members of the incorporating board are John H. Hewett, pastor of First Church of Asheville, N.C.; Herbert C. Gabhart, chancellor and former president of Belmont College, a Baptist school in Nashville; and Jeffrey G. Roberts, an investment counselor and member, Crescent Hill Church in Louisville, Ky.

The foundation was reviewed by the officers of the seminary's national alumni association and has their endorsement, Shoemaker said.

The foundation also will receive cooperation from Southern's development office, said Thomas Mabe, the school's vice president for development.

"Ideally, we would have it as it always has been — people giving

through regular channels to the seminary," Mabe said. "Some people have indicated they cannot give through the regular channels."

"We would encourage them to give in this means, if they wish. Otherwise, we would not receive the money."

He added: "We see this as just another channel of giving to Southern Seminary. Some give through the Kentucky Baptist Foundation and

other state foundations."

Noted Shoemaker: "We don't know whether this will be a big help or a little help, but we have brought it into being to help Southern Seminary."

"This may be a model for all SBC agencies and institutions, so they can receive money from people who would feel skittish otherwise."

Knox is editor, Kentucky Western Recorder.

## Evangelicals gain promise of religious liberties

ANKARA, Turkey (EP) — A delegation of evangelicals from Britain were able to meet with Turkish officials over the plight of Christians in that country, and were granted a promise that Turkish authorities will stop harassing believers who want to practice their faith.

At the request of the Evangelical Alliance of the U.K., Sir Fred Catherwood, a British evangelical who is vice president of the European Parliament, met with government ministers in Ankara recently. Among them was Turkey's Deputy Prime Minister, Ali Bozer.

Turkish evangelicals described the results of the meeting as "historic." Said George Burch of the International Fellowship of Istanbul: "Defining us as a legitimate group means that we may in the future be able to rent or even build places of worship. There hasn't been a new Protestant church built in Turkey since the turn of the century."

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION JUNE 4-6, 1991 — ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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	Single	Double
Best Western American Hotel	\$ 78	\$ 88
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Atlanta Marriott Marquis	110	110
Burger Hotel	125	125
City Centre Hotel	70	75
Comfort Inn	99	109
Days Inn Atlanta Downtown	76	86
Holiday Inn Downtown Atlanta	80	90
Hyatt Regency Atlanta	95	95
Inn at the Peachtrees	65	75
Quality Inn Habersham	90	90
Atlanta Penta Hotel	89	89
Radisson Hotel Atlanta	75	75
The Ritz-Carlton, Atlanta	125	135
The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel	105	120

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Colony Square Hotel	85	95
Days Hotel at Lenox	71	81
The Granada All Suite Hotel	80	100
The Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead	135	135
The Rodeway Inn — Midtown	63	73
Swissotel Atlanta	95	95
Wyndham Hotel Midtown	99	99

### Airport Area

Atlanta Airport Marriott	100	110
Courtyard Marriott Atlanta		
Airport North	84	90
Courtyard Marriott Atlanta		
Airport South	84	90
Hyatt Atlanta Airport	90	110
Howard Johnson-Atlanta		
Airport South	49	54

## NOTES:

1. The Georgia World Congress Center is the site of the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Pastors' Conference, and Woman's Missionary Union Meeting.
2. The Hyatt Regency Atlanta is the Convention Hotel.
3. The Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel is the Woman's Missionary Union Headquarters Hotel.

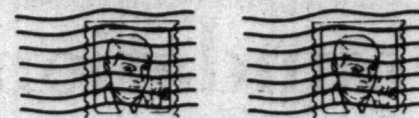
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# Letters to the editor



Letters to the editor must be limited to 300 words and the editor reserves the right to trim those that are longer. Editorial prerogatives must be reserved under all circumstances, and the opinions of the letter writers do not necessarily reflect the views of the staff of the Baptist Record. Only signed letters will be used, but the writer may request that his name be withheld. The withholding of names will be at the discretion of the editor.

## Personal interpretations

Editor:

The following is a statement of some of my personal interpretations of the "Consultation of Concerned Baptists" in Atlanta, Ga., on August 23 to 25.

For two days more than 3,000 individuals — concerned Baptists — came together. They left Atlanta as a fellowship. They had been brought together by concerns that traditional Baptist principles are being ignored, threatened, or misrepresented. Representative of such principles are:

- The priesthood of the believer
- The autonomy of the local church
- Separation of church and state
- Religious liberty

Additionally, their concerns include:

- Availability of demonstrating in the life of the church the equality of persons, regardless of gender, ethnic background, occupation, and/or economic status;

- The need for encompassing outreach to others at home and abroad.

Although those present had different priorities, there was courteous attention to and appreciation of the freely expressed thinking of others. As a result, it was agreed that an ongoing effort will be made by this fellowship and other interested individuals to fashion new avenues for preservation of those principles and implementation of active assistance mandated by those principles.

I went to the meeting doubtful that anything beneficial would come from it but left with optimism and hope, sensing that similarly concerned Baptists can once again cooperate in seeking an evolving program as we try to follow what we interpret as God's commission in our world.

The inclusive steering committee created by the attendees was instructed to study this goal of preservation and implementation and return by the time of a spring convocation with recommendations for consideration by the body. Also, an entity was created for channeling designated contributions to support specific existing Baptist organizations which propagate an unhindered gospel throughout the world by Christian missions, Christian education, Christian social service, and benevolent enterprises.

My prayers, interest, and support are pledged to the above endeavors.

George D. Purvis  
Jackson

## Non-evasive answers

Editor:

I notice in some recent letters statements to the effect that it is obvious what fundamentalists believe and that laymen shouldn't ask to have the inerrant Bible identified. Since I seem to have been wandering around in the dark, maybe someone would enlighten me with clear, non-evasive answer to the following:

1. In 1 Cor. 1:16, Paul said that he only baptized Crispus and Gaius. Recognizing his error, Paul later mentions others he baptized and expresses uncertainty about even more.

a. What do we do about the error in vs. 16? Is it an error in inspiration or Paul's humanity? Is it Paul who is uncertain or the one inspiring Paul? Are there other errors which are cor-

rected at a later place in the Bible?

2. Does not 1 Chron. 21:1 contradict 2 Sam. 24:1? Does not Mark 2:26 contradict 1 Samuel 21:1?

Obviously, in the translations of the Bible available to me, there is an error in each group.

3. Habakkuk 3:3 says "God came from Teman." Did God come from Teman or was Habakkuk in error?

4. Joshua 10:13 and 14 refers to the day being prolonged by the sun standing still. Does the sun revolve around the earth or does the earth rotate on its axis?

We may be able to divide moderates from fundamentalists based on whether or not a person believes the sun revolves around the earth as a literal reading of Joshua 10:13 and 14 would indicate.

I have many similar questions but I might get a glimmer of light from precise, non-evasive answers to the above.

Ray A. Thompson  
Jackson

## Survey on missionaries

Editor:

For sometime I have heard rumors that our Southern Baptist missionary boards have refused to appoint individuals as missionaries for rather trivial "doctrinal" reasons. These were merely unsubstantiated allegations until such an event occurred to a friend. If the mission board could delay and reject such a fine Christian man, perhaps the widespread allegations have truth to them. I have heard reports of discrimination in four areas.

(1) Candidates being questioned on small doctrinal matters and appointment delayed, but they were eventually confirmed and appointed.

(2) Candidates being questioned and rejected on doctrinal grounds.

(3) Candidates who were questioned on these matters and who withdrew their names before board approval/rejection.

(4) Those Southern Baptists interested or called to a mission vocation, but who choose to exercise that ministry outside our HMB and FMB.

In order that an objective study of this problem can be undertaken, I am asking all those Southern Baptists in any one of the four categories to notify me before Nov. 15, 1990.

Dr. Larry Douglas Smith  
2218 Wadsworth Ave.  
Louisville, Ky. 40205

Response to this inquiry will demonstrate quickly whether this is a minor or major problem within our denomination. Thank you for your cooperation in this study.

Larry Douglas Smith  
Louisville, Ky.

## Dwight Taylor Leukemia Fund

Editor:

This concerns Dwight Taylor, a 34-year-old music and youth activities minister who presently lives in Springville, Ala.

Dwight has many friends in Mississippi, particularly in the Laurel area, where his father served as minister of music and youth and activities director at Laurel First

Church in the late 60s and early 70s under the ministry of Dr. Robert Marsh. You may recall that Marsh is originally from Jackson and is presently serving as pastor of the Second Ponce DeLeon Church in Atlanta.

Dwight was diagnosed with chronic myelogenous leukemia in the fall of 1989. This disease has now progressed to the acute stage. Although the disease is presently in remission due to chemotherapy, Dwight's doctors who are familiar with the disease's regular cycle predict that the remission will only last a very short time; and, unless he receives a bone marrow transplant in early October, the disease will soon return with fatal consequences.

The estimated expenses of the bone marrow transplant, which is scheduled to be performed at Georgetown Hospital, in Washington, D.C., is \$200,000. Contributions and donations are being taken by DWIGHT TAYLOR LEUKEMIA FUND, Spring Valley Baptist Church, P. O. Box 978, Springville, AL 35146.

The Taylor family lives at Route 1, Box 207, Springville, AL 35146.

Kenneth E. Bullock, chairman  
Deacon Ministries Committee  
First Baptist Church  
Laurel, Mississippi

## Thanks to Mississippi Baptists

Editor:

The Chile Baptist Mission was blessed to have a group of 12 ladies from various Baptist churches from Mississippi during our seven day meeting during July held in Santiago. These ladies came on a voluntary basis to teach our MKs (missionary kids) ranging in ages from 3 to 18 years old. There were over 80 MKs at the meeting.

Being Mississippians, we are indeed thankful for the support of the Mississippi WMU. Through prayer, missions education, and personal involvement, these volunteers shared their love for Christ with these children and through church visitation with the Chilean people.

For two of the last three years a group of ladies from Mississippi Baptist churches has answered this mission request through the Mississippi WMU. We are indeed proud of the good work done by this dedicated group of ladies. We are equally proud of their churches and Mississippi Baptists who volunteer their time and talents to share in mission work worldwide.

Eddie and Marilyn Graves  
Missionaries, Concepcion,  
Chile

## Indigent care

Editor:

I was relieved to read that when Hinds County Hospital is sold the new managers will be required to continue care for all people of the county. Until recently, it is my understanding, the Baptist Hospital was the only hospital, other than UMC, which exercised concern for the less advantaged in the community. We all need to remember and applaud their many years of responsible service.

The many people of the community who have become aware of the great need for medical care for the indigent have a very powerful tool in their possession which they may not be aware of: PAYMENT SOURCE. All of us who have "payment source" should frequent the hospitals who exercise Christian responsibility for the poor. We now have choices between the

fine doctors of Hinds General, and UMC.

Our family has had the opportunity to use the services of UMC Pavilion where the professors who train physicians for all of Mississippi have their offices. The service was excellent and well organized. Many people consider UMC a charity hospital. This is not true.

If UMC and Hinds are the only hospitals which take medicaid, then those of us who have payment sources and profess to have concern for the health care of the less advantaged need to back up our talk with action. If we choose to support those hospitals that care for only those who have the money, perhaps we need to reflect on that which we stand before the Lord on Sunday. What would God have to say of our actions?

Lee Grillo  
Jackson

## The side of truth

Editor:

Lack of unity is not the number 1 problem in the Southern Baptist Convention — truth is! And truth is the only thing that will bring about the unity the divided Southern Baptists profess they desire.

After reading all about the "moderate" Southern Baptists meeting in Atlanta in the Clarion Ledger recently (wherein it says) "Rebelling against the militantly conservative leadership of the 14.9 million-member Southern Baptist Convention, 3,000 Southern Baptists at a specially called meeting voted almost unanimously on Friday to set up a program to collect and distribute money to Baptist agencies and activities without going through the leadership."

Fine! Well and good! But as for me and my house, we will continue to serve the Lord through the Bible conservatives. So, I say, let the "moderates" go! Let 'em draw their own crowd; rent their own hall; pay their own bills and the sooner the better.

Then, we'll be able to see who is on the side of truth. One of the two will fall by the wayside, and the other will grow into a great success for the Lord.

Bob Wells  
Hazelhurst

## Revival at Sharon

Editor:

With all the bad news going on around the world and the controversy within our convention, we at Sharon thought it might be good for folks in Mississippi to share in our good news. Since September of '89, we have seen real revival sweep our church and community. Until then I had considered leaving this church, and there was even talk of closing the doors. My family and I were completely discouraged, along with most of our church. But with the coming of our new pastor, his positive attitude, and the preaching of the gospel, we have done a complete turn-around. Last year we averaged 47 in Sunday School and had no Church Training. We have had 191 additions in 11 months, 97 by baptism. We are out of educational space but have plans to build in October. We are praising the Lord for what he is doing in our church and we ask that our fellow Christians rejoice with us so that revival will continue.

Donnie Bosarge  
Chairman of deacons  
Sharon Church, Long Beach

## Doing Satan's work

Editor:

I have read most of the stories in the Baptist Record, the pros and cons, the letters to the editor, as well as having read the publicity in local and Jackson papers. I have seen the media coverage about the "great controversy" in the Southern Baptist Convention, and the eminent "split" that may, some say will, and others who seemingly think they know, say must take place.

I have read; watched; listened; and like so many others, have remained silent. I have come to the conclusion that "religious politicians," like secular politicians, pay no attention to the silent majority. Sometimes they do not pay any attention to the noisy minority. I and the congregation which I am privileged and honored to pastor are no longer satisfied to remain silent and see Satan tear down through "pride-filled men" the things that God has definitely built up and so richly blessed and used to his glory over the years. I am embarrassed, my congregation is embarrassed, by the situation in which we find ourselves placed. Our efforts in evangelism are hindered, in some cases almost stopped cold. Other denominations ask about this controversy. Even the lost are asking about what is going on with Southern Baptists.

I am sick at heart over what the "religious politicians" are doing to God's work; and if I am sick at heart over it and of it — oh how sick God must be of this confusion.

Prayerfully I ask that we move toward getting on with the business of God. This is what brought us together in the first place and has kept this denominational rope of sand together over the years.

Our purpose has been Matt. 28:18-20: 1. To be a witness to the lost at home, by sharing the gospel message with all people in our communities and our nation. 2. Sending missionaries to all nations over the world, wherever God would open the door, to spread the gospel message, to be a witness, to win the lost. 3. To baptize those who have received Christ as their savior. 4. To teach those whom we have won that they may become soul winners, "missionaries at home and in other lands."

People, Satan is having a ball because he really doesn't have to do anything. He has us doing his work for him.

H. Bryan Abel  
Pastor, Center Ridge Church  
Yazoo City

## Job well done

Editor:

On Aug. 4, First Church, Winona, lost one of its most faithful members, James Richardson. James was one of God's "secret agents." These are people who quietly, without fanfare, perform usually unnoticed tasks for God's service and glory.

Although he was a dedicated deacon, his willingness and dependability in doing things beyond the call of duty classified him as an obedient and humble servant. He worked hard six days a week but was the first friendly, smiling face which greeted members of First Baptist on Sunday mornings. He was my friend, and I shall miss him. I feel assured as God tallies his earthly pilgrimage it will read: "a job well done."

Janie B. Vance  
Winona



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# HOUSETOPS

What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light: and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim upon the housetops. Matthew 10:27 NAS

September 13, 1990

## DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DEPARTMENT OFFERS LEADER TRAINING

The Discipleship Training Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, has scheduled a number of training events in the fall in associations who responded to the department's offer to help in such events.

Training conferences will be offered for workers in each age group in a church's Discipleship Training program. Most of these events are one night, two hours.

These Discipleship Leader Training events will be conducted in the following associations: (Time and place will be announced in the local association).

Date	Association
September 14-15	Northwest
September 17	Newton
September 17	Marshall
September 17-18	Panola
September 17	Pike
September 24	Mississippi
September 24	Simpson
October 1	Choctaw
October 2	Golden Triangle (Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha)
October 6	Lauderdale
October 9	Washington
October 15	Wayne
December 9	Northwest
December 10	Leake

(25 other such conferences have already been conducted this year).

Leaders attending will gain skills in using curriculum for the various age groups. They will also learn of new materials becoming available this fall. Study Course credit may be earned by attending and meeting the study requirements.

For additional information contact the Mississippi Discipleship Training Department, 968-3800, or the host associational office.

## For the first time.

Adult Discipleship Training study leaders have a quarterly designed to give help and ideas on how to make Discipleship Training in adult groups more enjoyable.

The **Baptist Study Leader** will be available beginning with the October, November, December 1990 quarter. They are ordered on the regular literature order form. The suggestion is that each church order three for each adult group.

The **Baptist Study Leader** will carry all training procedures for those using **Baptist Adults** and/or **Baptist Young Adults**. This bold, new advance will make available much more space for expanded content in **Baptist Adult** and **Baptist Young Adult** quarterlies. The new quarterly will be 8 1/2 X 11 inches in size, two colors, with 4-color cover page, 80 pages in length, and will sell for \$1.85 per quarter.

For more information contact Mississippi Discipleship Training Department. 968-3800.

## BROADCAST SERVICES

### Updating Video Tape Service listing.

These videos are available to your church on a free-loan basis from Broadcast Services. The update is scheduled to be out in October, 1990. We have continued to add video tapes to our lending library and are in the process of adding more such as James Dobson's "Turn Your Heart Toward Home," "Training Potential Sunday School Workers," and many others.

## NEW MATERIAL FOR USE IN DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

**DiscipleAll: A Discipleship Training Manual**, released April 1, 1990, compiled by Roy T. Edgemon. This is the basic manual on how to do Discipleship Training.

**Discipleship Training Planbook**, 1990-91, released January 1, 1990, compiled by Marlan Seward. This offers a step by step procedure for designing Discipleship Training for the new year.

**How to Promote Discipleship Training**, release date January 1, 1990, compiled by Charlie Doggett. This book gives hundreds of ideas that churches can use to reach people for Discipleship Training. \$1.95

**Discipleship Training Promotion Packet**, 1990-91. Release date April 1, 1990, compiled by Wayne Jenkins. This packet will help churches to promote Discipleship Training attendance throughout the church year.

**Discipleship Sermons**, release date January 1, 1990, compiled by Roy T. Edgemon and William H. Stephens. This book brings together ten timeless discipleship sermons by well known Southern Baptist pastors. \$3.15

**Sunday Night, Disciple Night**, release date April 1, 1990. This is a series of stickers, posters, bulletin inserts used to promote Discipleship Training.

**Planning and Conducting New Church Member Training**, release date January 1, 1990, authors Glenn A. Smith and Henry Webb. This is a new guide for administering and coordinating comprehensive, purposeful new church member training that meets the needs of new Christians, new Baptists and transfer members. \$3.50

**The Meaning of Church Membership Series**. This is a reprint of the old 13-session New Church Member series, including a New Commitment, Incovenant, Belonging and Promises to Keep. \$4.00

**Basics for New Baptists**, release date January 1, 1990, by Ernest E. Mosely. This is a self-study workbook presenting basic Baptist beliefs in areas such as the Bible, Salvation, Baptism, The Lord's Supper, Polity, etc. It is especially good for persons who join Baptist churches from non-Baptist backgrounds. \$2.50

**Your Life In Your Church**, release date April, 1990, by James L. Sullivan. This is an update edition of a book that has been most effective in Southern Baptist life, cost \$3.10.

**Southern Baptist Distinctives**, author Earl Kelly. An easy to read, easy to understand explanation of what it means to be a Southern Baptist. Cost \$3.80.

**Foundations for Life**, release date April 1, 1990, author John Cramp. Foundations for Life is a 22-week basic discipleship course that leads Christians to begin growing spiritually by learning the basic skills and disciplines necessary for that growth to occur. The course is similar to MasterLife but is less intense and does not require the extensive preparation and high level of accountability that characterized MasterLife. The cost is \$8.75 for the members' packet. The Leaders Guide is \$5.25.

**Collegiate Disciple**. This is a joint project of the Discipleship Training and Student Ministry Department to provide material that can be used in a college setting or in the local church in providing discipleship training for students. **Crossover: Preparing for College** is one of the first Collegiate pieces. This will be followed by **Good News Travels Fast: Students Witnessing** in July, 1990; **Dating - Romance - Love**, October 1990; **Beautiful Originals Versus Bad Copies**, October 1990; **Spending a Life: Materialism or Sacrifice**, October 1990.

**Aids: A Christian Response**, release April 1990, Author William M. Tillman, Jr. This twelve chapter book addresses the Aids epidemic. It is designed for 13 sessions of study. It may be studied in six sessions if desirable.



## Marketplace Ministries

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### ◇ LAY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

### ◇ MISSIONS BANQUET

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\$6.00 per person

#### 1:30 p.m. - Mission Fellowships

- ◆ Agri-Missions ◆ Educational Missions
- ◆ Church Renewal ◆ Hams ◆ Construction

#### 3:00 p.m. - Lay Missions Conference

Speaker - Leonard Sanderson

#### 5:00 p.m. - Missions Banquet and Program

(For Pastors and Laypersons)

Speaker - Jerry Clower

**Deadline for reservations is November 7, 1990. No tickets will be sold at door.**

(Preschool provisions will be provided from 1:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. upon prior notification to the Brotherhood Department. No meal service will be provided in the preschool center.)

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ dinner reservations.  
(Make checks payable to Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.)

( ) I will need preschool care (ages birth to 5 years)

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Return the registration form to: Missions Banquet, Brotherhood Department  
P. O. Box 530, Jackson, MS 39205-0530

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We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your church or any of the organizations of your church to explain the work of the MBF and how it can serve you.

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Jackson, Ms, 39205



## Get Ready For Sunday School

# BREAK THROUGH

## Reach to Win

*In the beginning, God broke through* the void and nothingness, and created heaven and earth.

*In the fullness of time,* when religious faith and practice had petrified into an endless system of tedious laws,

### God broke through

and sent His only son into the world as Redeemer, Savior, and King.

*In the aftermath of Christ's resurrection,* while timid, fearful disciples waited in a crowded room, **God broke through** and sent His Holy Spirit to empower and motivate believers to preach the gospel boldly to thousands of persons.

### Breakthrough: The Sunday School's Part

**BREAKTHROUGH** is the Sunday School's contribution to Bold Mission Thrust in 1990-95. To Share Heritage and Hope is the prayer, the hope, of Southern Baptists as we enter the final decade of the century. This theme also is the rallying point for 1990-95 as Southern Baptists seek to fulfill the great commission through Bold Mission Thrust. To do so will require **BREAKTHROUGH**. During 1990-95, Southern Baptist Sunday Schools will be working toward achieving a total enrollment of 11 million people.

### Breakthrough . . . Reach To Win

For the first year, 1990-91, the Sunday School theme is **BREAKTHROUGH . . . Reach to Win**. Suggested growth goals for a church for this year are as follows:

- 9.1 percent increase in Sunday School enrollment
- 9.1 percent increase in average Sunday School attendance for the year
- 9.1 percent increase in the number of unsaved persons (10 years of age and older) who are enrolled in Sunday School
- 9.1 percent increase in the number of Sunday School leadership training awards earned
- One or more ReachOut groups conducted
- One person won to Christ for every 15 persons enrolled in Sunday School

Take a moment to figure what a 9.1 percent enrollment and attendance increase would mean to *your* Sunday School. Do the same for the other goals. What would these increases mean to *your* Sunday School? As you can tell, these goals are within the realm of possibility for any size Sunday School.

### You Can Do It!

Rev. Ralph Cain has been pastor of the Concord Baptist Church in Choctaw Association for 11 months. This is the second time he has pastored this church. He first went to Concord in 1987 when they had 28 enrolled in Sunday School. When he left in 1988 the enrollment had increased to 53. In August, 1989, when he returned the enrollment was 35.

He led the church to set an enrollment goal of 101 by September 30, 1990. He estimated attendance would then be in the mid 50 range. By August, 1990, the enrollment reached 108 with an average attendance of 70.

When asked what sparked the growth, Ralph replied, "It was the church members becoming aware they could do some-

thing. They first said there was no one to reach and even if there was we couldn't reach them." Ralph, who is a bivocational pastor, led the church through a prospect discovery process. He then showed them how to enroll people into Sunday School. "Once a few people got over being nervous they began to see they could do it," stated the pastor.

In the past 11 months the church has experienced the following: five new units added, VBS enrollment of 84, Monday night outreach program established, quarterly workers meeting established, rooms remodeled, office added, and 22 additions to the church (13 by baptism).

## YOUR ADULT CLASS AND BREAKTHROUGH

The theme for Adult Sunday School classes for 1990-91 Sunday School year is **"BREAKTHROUGH...Reach to Win Adults."** The **BREAKTHROUGH** theme gives us guidance to make a goal commitment to reaching, enrolling and winning adults during the upcoming year.

Each class must accept the challenge to reach people. The reaching of these individuals will not happen by accident. Adult leaders and members must make personal commitment to actions that will achieve **BREAKTHROUGH**.

Every adult class needs to organize itself for its maximum reaching, teaching and ministry. Each adult class could have an outreach leader, activity leader, secretary and group leaders for each three to seven members and prospects. The job description for these responsibilities are available through the Sunday School Department.

Once you have enlisted these individuals, train them to do their job effectively. The Adult Class Leader Administration Kit which may be purchased from the Baptist Book Store is an ideal tool to train adult class officers.

With class organization in place, the adult Sunday School class and department is ready to move on to other **BREAKTHROUGH** activities. An adult class or department could be involved in the Adult/Youth Evangelistic Emphasis. This is a two month emphasis designed to encourage enrollment of unsaved adults and youth in Sunday School. This emphasis is intended to start on Soul Winning Commitment Day, January 13, 1991 and conclude on March 9, 1991. This project involved committing to win adults and youth to Christ, discovering unsaved persons, enrolling these individuals in Sunday School.

Another emphasis which an adult class or department may want to be involved in is Adult/Youth Growth Starts. This is an ongoing process of determining when and where new units need to be started within a department.

Other **BREAKTHROUGH** activities include Outreach Bible Study, Training Leaders in Evangelism by using the undated study, "Learning to Share My Faith," using the "Getting to Know You Plan for October Visitation," and planning to participate in an adult Vacation Bible School group.

The adult division is vital in achieving **BREAKTHROUGH** in your church. With three out of four prospects being an adult, great potential is here for every adult class and department. The potential is there, the challenge is before you, now what is your plan to achieve **BREAKTHROUGH**?

### Get Ready for BREAKTHROUGH . . . Reach to Win

This emphasis combines a celebration of victories achieved during Challenge 10/90 and a launch of the five-year Breakthrough period. Beginning on September 30, 1990 (the last Sunday of the Final Four), this event is a five-week Sunday preparation and launch experience. It combines the traditional Preparation Week and October Outreach Month with a pastor-led Sunday School Evangelism Commitment Plan. This emphasis will help launch the 1990-91 Sunday School year with a focus on evangelistic visitation, reaching, and ministry. Breakthrough Reach to Win 1990-91 Sunday School Planning Kit is the basic supporting resource.

### BREAKTHROUGH to People

This emphasis includes three visitation promotions designed to enhance ongoing Sunday School visitation and to accelerate and maintain interest and involvement in visitation and outreach evangelism. Each emphasis includes a high attendance day. The three visitation promotion plans are "Getting to Know You" (suggested for Oct.), "Sharing Christ's Love" (suggested for March), and "Homecoming" (suggested for July). A kit will be produced to support each plan.

### Help Celebrate Reaching over 400,000 Enrolled in S.S. Within Mississippi On September 30, 1990



By quickly completing your S.S. Records and giving them to your S.S. General Secretary, a telephone caller will call your church to get S.S. information. This will be forwarded on to Jackson and then to Nashville. Please help by having this information ready for the telephone caller.

## MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

### STUDENTS TOUCHING THE WORLD

1989-90

#### ON THE CAMPUS...

- \* 19,084 students reached through 34 Mississippi BSU Programs
- \* 223 student conversions
- \* 2,192 students involved in 143 Bible study groups
- \* 1,764 students attending all state and national meetings
- \* 120 Evangelism Outreach projects
- \* 72 Discipleship groups involving 569 students
- \* 279 Language Bibles/New Testaments distributed to Internationals
- \* 28 Missions Emphasis Weeks
- \* Total financial support for all missions programs and projects \$128,716.62

#### AND BEYOND...

- \* BSU Student Missionaries - 65 from 20 campuses - 10 foreign summer and 55 home summer
- \* 1,247 decisions for Christ reported by summer missionaries
- \* Thirteen campuses involved 243 students in short-term missions
- \* 74 Revival teams
- \* 74 Revivals conducted by these teams
- \* 564 Students involved in community missions
- \* 57 Career missions volunteers
- \* R.A. Camp Staffers - 29
- \* G.A. Camp Staffers - 35
- \* Gulfshore Staffers - 33
- \* Ridgecrest Staffers - 4
- \* Glorieta Staffers - 2

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**BOLD MISSION THRUST  
LAUNCH DAY  
October 7, 1990**

The first Sunday of October launches Share Heritage and Hope. A worldwide challenge should await every member while attending Sunday School and the morning worship service. Launch Day is a day for your church to:

- study the Scripture for renewed hope
- commit to renewed service
- worship God in Christ in renewed faith

**Actions your church should take to have BMT Launch Day are:**

1. Place the event on the church calendar early.
2. Plan the day around the BMT theme.
3. Involve as many people as possible.
4. Focus the worship, Sunday School, and Discipleship Training on the joy of serving Christ.
5. Order the resources to assist in your success.
6. Pray for the day as the beginning of growth, praise, and victory.

**Churches conducting Launch Day have a head start on the year because:**

1. People will be made aware of church goals and sense that the pastor and church leaders are committed to "Extend Christ's Mission."
2. Your church will join thousands of other churches in a nationwide day of renewal and commitment.
3. The condition of a lost and hopeless world without Christ will be focused in the minds of your members.
4. Southern Baptists will have their minds and hearts on the "main thing" in Christ.

**Leaders of the Sunday School  
Board and Radio and Television  
Commission . . .**

have reopened discussions on ways the two agencies can work together in a telecommunications ministry for Southern Baptists. In a joint statement released August 2, the presidents said, "Our mutual objective is to explore options for working cooperatively within our respective program assignments to enhance one telecommunications system for the benefit of Southern Baptist churches and the entire denomination and to offer customer-supported video products."



**cooperative program**

The urgency of the Bible reminds us: "... there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:12) Jesus is the **One for all**. The urgency of the international crisis we face reminds us that the world will not remain forever. Witness is the number **one** task **for all** of God's people. The Cooperative Program has proven to be the comprehensive means through which Southern Baptists have most effectively expressed our evangelistic and missionary obedience to God's word. **One** decision **for all** churches to make this fall during budget planning is how to increase mission support through the Cooperative Program.

**NEW WORSHIP EMPHASIS BEGINS IN 1990-91**



The Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries and Church Music Departments of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will jointly sponsor a new worship emphasis in

our churches in 1990-95. The purpose of this five-year emphasis is two-fold:

- (1) to help pastors, ministers of music, and other worship leaders grow in their understanding of and ability to plan and lead meaningful worship;

- (2) to increase worship attendance.

"Authentic Worship: Let's All Go to Church" begins with a sound understanding of the theology and practice of biblical worship as taught in the scriptures and experienced by the congregation. Efforts will be made to enlist an increased number of church members in worship attendance on Sundays. Our goal is to have 55% of resident church members present for worship on Sunday morning and 30% on Sunday night.

A system has been devised to aid church leaders keep an attendance count of the worship services. A new resource kit has been produced by the Sunday School Board to aid church leaders in this "Let's All Go to Church" worship emphasis.



# Youth Ministers Conference

**October 22-24, 1990  
Lake Tiak O'Khata,  
Louisville**

## General Schedule

- Monday** — Registration 1:30, beginning session 2:00, adjourn for evening 9:35
- Tuesday** — Breakfast 7:00, beginning session 8:30, afternoon free, adjourn for evening 9:15
- Wednesday** — Breakfast 7:00, adjourn 8:30

The charge for lodging and meals is the only cost for this conference. Two nights lodging and five meals (all prices include tax and gratuity, and are per person): 1 to a room, \$102.33; 2 to a room, \$74.77; 3 or 4 to a room, \$60.99. Meals without lodging (including tax and gratuity): Breakfast, \$4.24; Lunch, \$5.75; Dinner, \$6.96. Payment is to be made to Lake Tiak O'Khata.

Call Lake Tiak O'Khata (773-7853) or write Lake Tiak O'Khata, Smythe Road, Louisville 39339, for lodging reservations no later than October 8. At that time all rooms which have been put on hold for this conference will be released.

Complete the form below and return to: Church Administration-Pastoral Ministries Department, P O Box 530, Jackson 39205, no later than October 15, 1990. It is necessary that your registration be received by this date so that adequate preparation can be made.

### Registration Form

*Youth Ministers Conference - October 22-24 - Lake Tiak O'Khata*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's first name, if attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Association Name \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I have made reservations at Lake Tiak O'Khata.
- ☐ I will not need a room, but will plan to eat the following meals:
- ☐ Monday Dinner ☐ Tuesday Breakfast ☐ Tuesday Lunch
- ☐ Tuesday Dinner ☐ Wednesday Breakfast

# YES, IT IS TRUE

BTN will be terminated September 30, 1990. But, video training or educational videos are still excellent training tools for your churches. In fact, we all know video is a phenomenon in our world today. Broadcast Services will continue to offer training in using this God-given tool to help us train and inform our people. Therefore we offer the following conferences for your staff and church program leaders:

## MAXIMIZING VIDEO'S POTENTIAL IN TRAINING

September 17, 1990 — First Baptist Church, Corinth

September 18, 1990 — Calvary Baptist Church, Greenville

September 20, 1990 — Morgantown Baptist Church, Natchez

Conference time at each location — 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Chip Turner, Media Services Director, Louisiana Baptist Convention and author of **The Church Video Answerbook** will be our special guest conference leader for these training sessions.

Each training session will include helping leaders achieve training goals through the use of video; proper set up of video for training session; and 100 uses of video in religious education and church programming.

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# Faces and places

by Anne Washburn McWilliams



Thursday, September 13, 1990

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## Some faces I saw in Seoul

I can see them yet — the many faces I saw in Seoul.

- There's the Oriental face of a Korean seminary student, outlined against a huge banner in the background: "Together in Christ — Baptist World Congress — August 14-19." The young man tilts his head backward, squeezes his eyes shut, and draws his mouth into a grimace as he tries hard to remember the English words: "I - want - to - give - you - a - gift." His idea is to teach my friend, Joan, and me a few Korean words as his gift to us. For 15 minutes he struggles as Joan writes in her notebook the Korean syllables for "Jesus," "Bible," "love," and "thank you."

- The black hair and flashing dark eyes of Juan Vartanessian. The lighter brown of his wife Rosa's hair. The outgoing personalities of these Latin Americans. Their generosity in offering to share their taxi. Their friendly invitation to visit them next time I'm in Buenos Aires, Argentina. "No, I'm not a pastor," he says. "I'm a dee-ACK-on at the El Rey Jesus (King Jesus) Baptist Church." (His surname is Armenian, he says. His father moved to Argentina from Armenia in 1928.) The two eat ice cream with Joan and me at the Baskin-Robbins place next to the Hamilton Hotel, and share a prayertime with us. I can hear his voice still, praying in Spanish.

- The smiling blue eyes and warm handclasp of Johannes and Vollene Buss of Germany, who pose for a picture in front of the Olympic swim-

ing competition building. "From East Germany?" I ask. Her reply holds a lilt: "There's only one Germany!"

- The dark face with proud eyes looking lovingly at her baby seated on the floor at her feet. "Her name is Ofasia," she says. Listening intently to the messages at the BWA women's department meeting, she wears a name tag, "Pate Wayne, Papua, New Guinea."

- The beaming face of David Gomes, Brazilian preacher, as he spots me across a room. As always, his face is brimming over with excitement over his latest project. This time he's telling me how many quarts of milk a day the Church of Hope gives to the poor at the church's social services center near the main train station in Rio, while at the same time offering spiritual food.

He takes the Russian pastor, Sergei Nikolaev, by the hand and brings him over and introduces him. The Russian was the main speaker of the evening. His eyes, about a bushy moustache, are twinkling. He and David Laughingly try to outdo each other talking about what the Lord has been doing for them in Leningrad and Rio. I talk with him a minute about the Mississippi students who worked this summer in his church in Leningrad. I silently wonder where he learned such faultless English.

- The dusky face of Moses Sudheer of Andhra Pradesh, South India. In a crowded bus, he is standing in the aisle beside me, leaning over to show

pictures of his congregation, of his children, and his wife. A lock of curly black hair falls across his forehead. A troubled look appears in his large dark eyes as he says, "My wife is in Kuwait. She was visiting her sister when Iraq invaded . . . Please pray with me for her safe return."

- The surprised faces of Parkes and Martha Ellen Marler of Forest when I run into them on the street near my hotel. They have been visiting in Korea for a week or two, where they were formerly missionaries. They introduce some friends from Guam, where also they have been missionaries.

- The friendly face of the tall, broad-shouldered man from Latvia — I don't remember his name. I keep trying to ask him a question, in English. But he shakes my hand — and shakes his head — and says one word (I understand it's the same in every language): "Hallelujah!"

- All over the enormous gymnasium, I see the faces — African, Asian, Latin American, North American, European, Australian. In small groups, they are holding hands and praying aloud — English in my little circle, but in other circles each one is praying in the language of his heart. Into my mind explode the words of Philippians 2: "God hath highly exalted him . . . that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow . . . and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."



The Lord's Supper is served to more than 10,000 Baptists from all over the world.



Americans of Korean descent, including the girl pictured at center, greet delegates to the Baptist World Congress in Seoul.



World Celebration: Youths from many nations present musical programs, outside the Chamsil Gymnasium, Seoul.



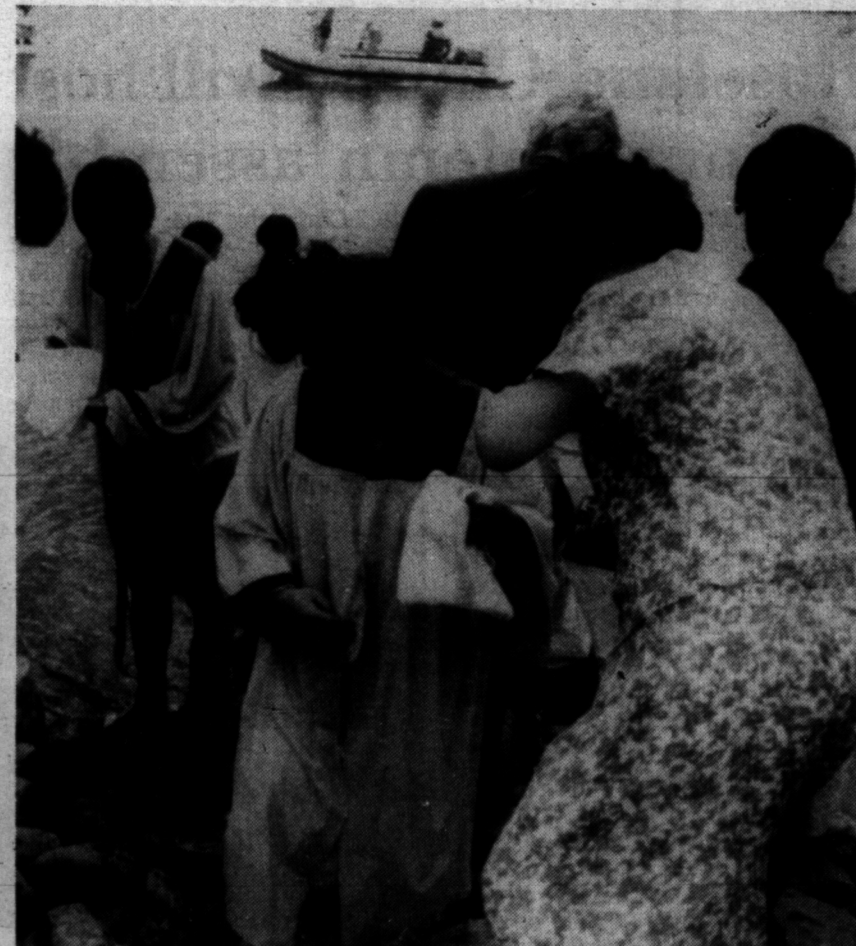
A Korean grandmother follows in her Bible as Scripture is read during the welcome rally at the Olympic stadium.



Knud Wumpelmann, left, of Denmark, was elected in Seoul as new president of the Baptist World Alliance. Denton Lotz, whose wife is a Mississippian, right, was last year elected as BWA general secretary.



Noel Vose of Australia, president of the Baptist Alliance, 1985-90, speaks in English while an interpreter translates his message into Korean.



Helpers assist baptismal candidates as they step out of the water, when 10,000 new Christians are baptized in two services at the Olympic rowing site during the meeting of the Baptist World Congress.

Photos by Anne W. McWilliams



## Southwestern faculty affirms McBeth, book

By Scott Collins

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP) — Calling the decision not to publish a book by Leon McBeth an "arbitrary act of censorship," the faculty at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth voted unanimously to affirm the book's author and encouraged publication of the manuscript.



McBeth

The seminary professors meeting for their annual retreat Aug. 24, greeted McBeth, professor of church history at Southwestern Seminary, with a sustained applause as a show of support for McBeth and the embattled book.

McBeth's book, written for the centennial of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, became an issue of controversy when trustees at the board voted to counsel the administration not to proceed with the publishing of the book. Johnny Godwin, vice-president of office of general publishing, announced that the book would not be published.

McBeth, who has taught at Southwestern Seminary for 30 years, wrote the book at the request of the Sunday School Board. But board trustees voted Aug. 15 to scrap the manuscript, which was in the late editing stages. Trustees said McBeth was unbalanced in chronicling conservative confrontations at the board over the past decade.

The resolution of affirmation for McBeth and the book reads in part, "We confess that we fail to understand this arbitrary act of censorship, which we utterly deplore. Therefore, we call upon the trustees of the Sunday School Board to reconsider their action and encourage the board to proceed with the publication of Dr. McBeth's manuscript as soon as possible."

The resolution states that Baptists should "be able to judge for

themselves the merits of this work."

McBeth's colleagues on the seminary faculty referred to him as "a competent church historian. We hold Dr. McBeth in the highest esteem, both as a scholar and colleague. His ability as a perceptive Baptist historian and his superb writing style are well known," the resolution states.

It further states that McBeth's "commitment to the fundamentals of the faith as Southern Baptists have formulated them in the Baptist Faith and Message is unquestionable."

McBeth said he is "humbled and grateful for the affirmation of my colleagues who have known me and my work for 30 years."

McBeth, who said he has received requests from three different publishers to publish the book, said he is uncertain of the manuscript's future. "I hope the (Sunday School Board) trustees would reconsider (the decision)."

McBeth said he does not know the status of the book, but he expressed confidence it will some day be available to Southern Baptists. "I hope and believe that this manuscript will some day come to light," he said. "This is a story which can encourage and help our people. It is a thrilling story that deserves to be told."

Admitting the book is "not perfect," McBeth added, "Nothing I have written is beyond critique, correction and improvement. I have never claimed this manuscript is perfect. I do not believe, however, that it is slanted or unbalanced."

The book is "precisely the kind of book I was asked to write," McBeth said. "It is an interpretative history."

The 59-year-old professor said he does not anticipate any legal action over the rights to the manuscript. "I could never see myself in an adversarial role against the Sunday School Board," he said.

Collins writes for Southwestern Seminary.

## Annuity funding rate will track federal mark

DALLAS — Effective Jan. 1, 1991, the annuity funding rate used by the Annuity Board of the SBC, will be based on a monthly index provided by a U.S. Government agency.

Paul W. Powell, president of the Annuity Board, said the new policy "will remove some uncertainties for persons trying to decide when to retire and ensure a funding rate that is competitive in the marketplace."

The annuity funding rate is the assumed earnings figure that is used at the time an annuity is established and partially determines the amount of annuity benefit over its term of payments. Other factors in determining the periodic benefit are the total accumulations available, age of the annuitant, age of any contingent annuitant and such elections as guaranteed period, fixed period, or life benefits.

"Effective Jan. 1," said Powell, "the funding rate will be one-half of one percent above the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation's single employer immediate annuity index for the month, whatever that index happens to be."

Terry R. Wade, vice president and actuary for the Annuity Board, explained that the Pension Benefit

Guaranty Corporation, a U.S. Government agency, was created by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to collect premiums and guarantee the benefits of certain pension funds.

"While we are exempt from most provisions of ERISA and escape the premium payments for insurance, we can certainly benefit from the research work the PBGC does," said Wade.

"The monthly index we will use," he explained, "is based on an average of the rates used by 10 large annuity writing insurance companies."

"Due to expense loading and conservative mortality tables, the actual interest rates quoted by insurance companies may be higher than the index," Wade continued. "We will use a figure higher than the index in order to give our annuitants the benefit of the Annuity Board not paying premiums, taxes and commissions. The Annuity board operates on a break-even basis and does not have a profit motive as do the commercial companies. Paying a rate in excess of the PBGC index should keep us competitive in the market."

The Annuity Board has historically set its funding rate for annuities on

a quarterly basis. "This," said Wade, "had some negative results. In a volatile bond market (the general basis of annuity funding rates), we might lag behind rises and tempt our members to withdraw accumulations and purchase an annuity elsewhere. In a falling market we could be using a funding rate too high for immediate investment opportunities."

"What we are doing," said Powell, "is removing the temptation to gamble on a retirement date. Our members can be confident they will get a competitive return based on the date they chose to retire."

The Annuity Board funding rate changed 10 times from 1979 to 1990. The PBGC index changed 70 times in the same period. The PBGC index for single employer immediate annuities is 7.50 for August. With the Annuity Board's decision to use one-half of one percent above the index, the current Annuity Board's funding rate of 8 percent would exactly match the index.

The Annuity Board's current annuity funding rate will continue to be available by calling 1-800-262-0511.

## August CP gifts jump

Mississippi Cooperative Program giving in August totaled \$2,025,835, a half-million-dollar jump over the previous month's gifts, according to Bill Causey, executive director-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The August amount was also \$246,591 more than that given in August of 1989, that total being \$1,779,591.

The 1990 total of gifts from Mississippi Baptist churches is \$13,855,249. This is \$1,174,448 more than that given in the same period of 1989.

The 1990 total is also \$801,162 (or 6.14 percent) over the pro rata budget for eight months, which is the total budget divided into 12 equal parts and multiplied by the number of months elapsed in the year. The pro rata budget for January through August is \$13,054,087.

The 1990 Mississippi Cooperative Program budget is \$19,581,130.

## MC hosts small church conference

A conference tagged "A Big Conference for Small Churches" will take place at Mississippi College, Clinton, on Sept. 22, 9:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

The conference, designed for churches with 150 or fewer enrolled in Sunday School will offer leader training in 22 areas of church life. Each conference will offer study course credit.

There will be training for pastors; Sunday School directors; Sunday School workers in adult, youth, children's, and preschool areas; Discipleship Training directors; Discipleship Training leaders in adult,

youth, children's and preschool areas; WMU directors; leaders of Baptist Women, Baptist Young Women, Acteens, GAS, and Mission Friends; Baptist Men's and RA leaders; volunteer music directors; church pianists; and preschool/children's music leaders.

Participants are asked by the sponsor, Chester Vaughn, program director, MBCB, to pre-register with the local associational office. This makes it possible for the complimentary lunches at the session to be prepared accordingly.

## Church architects will attend October workshop

NASHVILLE — Architects who work with Southern Baptist churches will meet in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 12-13 for a workshop sponsored by the Baptist Sunday School Board's Church Architecture Department.

"Communicating Mission Through Architecture" will be the theme for the two-day meeting at the Hilton Palacio del Rio. "The House Says Who You Are" and "The House Says Who You Think God Is" are the topics of addresses by William Hendricks, professor of theology and director for the Center of Religion and the Arts at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Additionally, sessions on church-architect relationships, building codes and case studies will be offered.

Architectural design awards will recognize excellence in design for Southern Baptist churches in the areas of first unit buildings, worship centers, education and support facilities and improvement to an existing building.

Registration for the workshop is \$140. Checks, payable to the Church Architecture Department, should be sent to the department at 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, TN 37234.

## Southwestern begins concentration in student work

A curriculum designed for seminary students called into the field of student ministry, the Baptist Student Ministry Concentration, started with the beginning of the fall semester at Southwestern Seminary.

Three classes are presently being offered in the area of campus ministry, and all are being taught by W. F. Howard, adjunct teacher in adult education. The three, "Campus Ministry," "The Baptist Student Director," and "The Church's Ministry with College and University Students" will be part of the concentration. Added to those classes will be, "The

Church's Educational Ministry with Single Adults" and "The Art of Counseling."

Howard said plans are also being made for a chair for campus ministry. When the E. F. "Preacher" Hallock chair is fully funded, the seminary will hire a full-time professor.

The chair will be named after E. F. "Preacher" Hallock, long-time pastor of First Church, Norman, Okla., who was "instrumental in introducing BSU work to the state of Oklahoma," Howard said. The chair of Baptist Student Ministry will be the first among Southern Baptists.

## Roseland Church will host regional solemn assembly

Roseland Church in Picayune will host a regional prayer and solemn assembly for churches in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

James Spencer, pastor of Roseland, has issued the call for prayer to Baptists and all other concerned Christians in the three states. "Let the Church Rise" is the theme for the event, which will take place Sept. 21, 6-9 p.m. and Sept. 22, with sessions beginning at 8:30 a.m., and continuing throughout the day.

The focus issues for prayer during the assembly will include drugs, abortion, teenage suicide, alcoholism, sexual liberalism, and the crisis in the Middle East. The two days will also focus on fasting, Scripture reading, worship and praise, in accordance

with 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Leaders for the gathering of believers will be: Henry Blackaby, director of Prayer and Spiritual Awakening of the SBC Home Mission Board; Fred Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill Church, Mobile, Ala.; Bob Anderson, pastor of Parkview Church, Baton Rouge, La.; Frank Gunn, pastor of First Church, Biloxi; Eddie Hamilton, pastor of Oak Forest Church, Jackson and president, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Don Wilton, professor of preaching, New Orleans Seminary; and Guy Henderson, director, Evangelism Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

For more information, call coordinator John Tatum at 798-5620.

## Carthage will host COM rally

The fall state rally for Mississippi Campers on Mission will take place Sept. 21-23 at the Carthage Fairgrounds. The group will be electing new officers and discussing by-laws changes and the possibility of a summer meeting.

Registration will be from 2-5 p.m. on Friday with a worship service that evening led by Bruce Worrell Jr., of

First Church, Baton Rouge.

Saturday morning will include a business meeting led by President Ralph Henson. That evening the speaker will be Billy Walton, retired county agent from Ackerman. He will be preceded by the Singing Messengers from Ethel. Sunday morning worship leader will be Jessie McMillan.

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# Just for the Record

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Ten members of First Church, Natchez recently joined 120 others from several states to win people to the Lord in Mexico City. Each American was teamed with a Mexican Christian to present the message of Christ. Open-air evangelistic services were conducted each evening.

Participants pictured left to right are front row, Susan Weed, Martha Puckett, Betty Sue Dixon, Rebecca Pickering; second row, Pastor Odean Puckett, Kenneth Moss, John Moss; back row, Eugene Pickering, Jennings Dixon, and Bill Mayer.



GA girls of Victory Church in Jefferson Davis Association honored their mothers at a Mother-Daughter dinner in the fellowship hall. Piano music was provided by Angela Morgan and Vanessa King.

GAs pictured are front row, Marie Jones, Lea Ellen Matheny, Jennifer Worthy, Kristy Ford, Melissa Worthy, Whitney Bullock; back row, Angela Morgan, and Vanessa King. GA leaders are Wanda Ford and Bobbie Harvey.



Sioux Indians in South Dakota were the recipients of 124 boxes of clothing sent by the Franklin Association. The effort was coordinated through Raymond Longie, missionary to the Sioux, and through the First Church of Sisseton-Walpeton Sioux Indians. Shown are, left to right, Gladys Etheridge, DOM J. B. Gray, and Kathleen Huffman. The clothes, along with six boxes of literature, were delivered to South Dakota via Charlie and Diana Jones on July 9.



The 18-member youth choir from Emmanuel Church, Ocean Springs, were guests on the Clarke College campus for several days recently. These youths presented programs in several Newton County churches during their visit. The choir is under the direction of Tim Johnson of Raleigh, who is a 1985 graduate of Clarke now serving as minister of music and education at Emmanuel Church. The choir's tour also included performances in churches on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, central Mississippi and Alabama.

A World Missions Conference will be held at Corinth Church in Heidelberg, Sept. 20-23. On Thursday, Donald Petree, home missionary, Tennessee, will speak at 7 p.m. Friday, from 12-1:30 p.m. there will be a lunch and a program, and Richard Brogan, consultant, Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will speak at 7 p.m. Saturday, Robert Carter, home missionary, North Carolina, will speak at 7 p.m.

Sunday, Charles Ray, foreign missionary to Japan will speak at 11 a.m. and Charles Boudreaux, foreign missionary to Ghana, will speak at 7 p.m. James K. Taylor is pastor.

A group of Acteens from Bond Church recently visited the Baptist Center of the Gulf Coast Association. After seeing a slide presentation on the work of the association, they had opportunity to interview Executive Director of Missions Bobby Perry. John Wade is pastor at Bond.

First Church, Coffeeville and Sylva Rena Church, Water Valley, both of Yalobusha Association, challenged each other in a Discipleship Training attendance emphasis for a period of six weeks, ending Aug. 12. Sylva Rena won the challenge, averaging 105. They will be treated to a picnic Wednesday Sept. 12 by First Church in Coffeeville. James West is pastor of Sylva Rena. Frank Brown is Discipleship Training director.

First Church also had a significant increase in attendance, averaging 100. William McCullar is Discipleship Training director, and Truman D. Scarborough is pastor.

First Church, Sharon, at Laurel, will dedicate its sanctuary on Sept. 16, according to Nelson Crozier, pastor. During the special day, Sunday School will begin at 10 a.m. The dedication service will be from 10:45 until 12. Dinner on the grounds is to be served at noon. Open House will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m., and a singspiration will begin at 6 p.m.

## Sallis (Attala) will celebrate 150th

Sallis Church, Attala County, will celebrate its 150th anniversary on Sept. 16. The times are 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. A covered dish will be held in fellowship hall at noon. Kenneth Moore, Jayess, will be the guest speaker. Others on program will be former pastors, members, and descendants of charter members. Brian Horton is pastor.

## Organists release season schedule

The Jackson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists has planned six major organ programs for the 1990-91 season. All programs will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. Four of the programs are to be presented at Baptist churches.

The schedule is as follows: Sept. 21, Delbert Disselhorst from University of Iowa, at Covenant Presbyterian Church; Oct. 19, annual members' recital at Broadmoor Baptist Church, Jackson; Nov. 9, Debbie Smith, recitalist from Memphis, to perform at Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson; Feb. 8, Sandra Soderlund, early organ technique expert, at St. Peter's Catholic Cathedral, with a master class the following morning at St. Luke's United Methodist Church; March 22, the annual AGO Choral/Organ Festival at Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, featuring the Mississippi College Concert Choir and guest organist Len Bobo from Little Rock; April 26, Paul Anderson, University of Southern Mississippi, at First Church, Clinton. For more information, contact the dean of the chapter, Chris Brunt, at 981-7310.

## Staff changes

Bay Vista Church, Biloxi (Gulf Coast) has called Michael C. Holderfield as associate pastor of music and youth. He previously served as minister of music and youth at Zion Church, Mobile, Ala. A native of Alabama, Holderfield graduated from Mobile College with bachelor of science degrees in religion and history, and a supporting major in church music. An old-fashioned pounding will be held in honor of the Holderfields Sunday, Sept. 16 following the evening worship service at Bay Vista. Mark Rathel is pastor; Keith Hill served as interim minister of music.

I was born an American; I live an American; I shall die an American. — Daniel Webster

Holderfield



Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, will celebrate its 60th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 16. James Scirratt, former pastor, will be the guest speaker and James Glass will direct the choir in special music. Pictured are members of the planning committee. Left to right, seated, are Wilson Defore, Ann Stanford, chairperson, and Glen Welch. Standing are Tommy Tompkins, chairman of deacons, Debbie Battle, Jimmy Cotten, and Betty Henderson. Bill Fuller is pastor.

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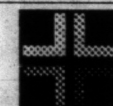
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## This game is Ouddacyte

Welcome to Ouddacyte: Home of 27,502 good people and one old sorehead. Pictured are some convention board staffers who recently visited Ouddacyte to play a new game. From left they are Monica Keathley, Chester Vaughn, Marjean Patterson, Randy Tompkins, Don Wilson, Robin Nichols, and David Michel. So far about 200 people have visited Ouddacyte, which exists only in a game devised by two consultants in the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. The premise of the game is this: participants are members of a church missions development committee. (The game is calling the church the East Pastitsprime Baptist Church.) Their job in this role-playing game is to discover and implement missions ministries within the constraints of available resources.

Richard Brogan and Jim Booth of the Cooperative Missions Department conceived the game to teach missions development. They are still fine-tuning it. "We want to make people sensitive to people's needs in their church communities," said Brogan, "whatever those needs may be." The idea, said Brogan and Booth, is to ultimately let people see what's going on in their own churches. It also teaches "how different missions organizations in the church can become more of a team," they said. Churches or associations wishing to participate in a game can contact the Cooperative Missions Department for possible dates. Said Booth, "This is not available in your local stores." Yet.

## Staff changes

Thad Moore recently accepted the call as pastor of First Church, Holly Springs. Moore previously served at First Church of Hammond, La. He is a graduate of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. and New Orleans Seminary.

Moore

Charles Loflin has resigned the pastorate of Sardis Church to enter Southern Seminary at Louisville, Ky.

Frank Roberson has retired as pastor, Shiloh Church (Montgomery). Audrey Crouch has been called as the new pastor. Crouch was ordained at Eskridge Church.

New Zion Church, Copiah Association, has called Leroy Brewer as pastor.

Newhebron Church, Newhebron (Lawrence) has called Darryl J. Petry as minister of music, effective Aug. 20. A native of Louisiana, Petry previously served at Alexander Memorial Church, James Crossing. Petry was educated at Clarke College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary.

Danny Berry has resigned Oakdale Church of Brandon and is available for supply, interim, or revivals. He may be contacted at 825-1382.

Guy Hughes has resigned as director of missions, Yalobusha Association, effective October. He has accepted the pastorate at Friendship Church, Grenada.

## Revival dates

Parkway Church, Kosciusko (At-tala): Sept. 16-19; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed., 7 p.m.; Greg Potts, Heuck's Retreat Church, Brookhaven, evangelist; Mack and Shayla Blake, Ruston, La., music; Joseph B. Knight, pastor.

Trinity Church, Fulton: Sept. 16-20; Maj. Ian Thomas, Colorado, evangelist; Bill Nanney, First Church, New Albany, musician; services at 12 noon and at 7 p.m.; Howard Peak, pastor.

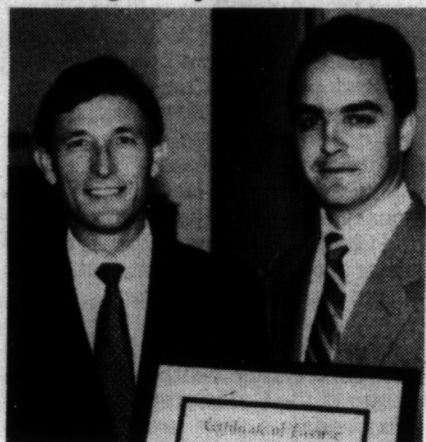
First Church, Ridgeland (Hinds-Madison): Sept. 16-20; Sunday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon.-Thur., noon and 7 p.m.; Anis Shorrosh, Spanish Fort, Ala., full-time vocational evangelist, Phillip Willis, Baton Rouge, La., full-time music evangelist; Ed Griffin, pastor.

Pleasant Grove Church (Wayne): Sept. 16-21; 7 p.m. nightly; Billy Dowdy, evangelist; Ronnie Whitlock, twin brother of Randy Whitlock, pastor, will lead music.

Everett Church, Mendenhall (Simpson): Sept. 16-21; Sunday, 11 a.m., 7 p.m. nightly; Don Savell, Franklin Creek Church, Philadelphia, evangelist; Kevin Bishop, Goshen Church, Magee, music; W. A. McWilliams, pastor.

Bond Church, Bond (Gulf Coast): Sept. 16-20; dinner on the grounds following the Sunday morning service; John D. Wilton, Long Beach, guest evangelist; Russell Lawson, music director; services Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 p.m. nightly; John W. Wade, pastor.

Guy Hovis, recording artist and television personality, will present a musical concert and personal testimony in the sanctuary of First Church, Aberdeen, Sept. 16, at 8 p.m. Alan Kilgore is pastor.



Michael Memorial Church, Gulfport, licensed Richie Allen to preach the gospel on Aug. 5. He is now attending Florida Baptist Theological College in Graceville, Fla. Pictured are Craig Conner, pastor of Michael Memorial Church (left) and Alleh (right).



Leroy Robinson received a plaque on Aug. 12 for serving 39 years as deacon at Providence Church, Bolivar County. Pictured is Eugene Walden (right) presenting the plaque to Robinson.



First Church, Long Beach, licensed Ken McCormick Jr. and Bret Turner to the gospel ministry on Aug. 19. Ken is the son of Ken and Margie McCormick, and Bret is the son of Stan and Kay Turner. Both men will be attending Mobile College this fall.

Pictured, left to right, are McCormick and Turner.

## Homecomings

Northside Church, Vicksburg: Sept. 16; dinner on the grounds; L. C. Anthony, former pastor, guest speaker; Johnny R. Jones, special music during morning service; following the service, the Shepherds of Love Quartet, of Mize, will be featured; Robert Walker, pastor.

### OUR PRAYER

Thou that hast given so much to me, Give one thing more — a grateful heart; Not thankful when it pleaseth me, As if Thy blessings had spare days; But such a heart, whose pulse may be Thy praise. — George Herbert, 1593-1633

## Names in the news



W. E. Greene and his wife, Mary Greene, will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Bay Springs City Hall. Greene is serving as director of missions in Jasper County. He also serves as pastor of Eddins Memorial Church and Pine Grove Church. They have lived in the area for 36 years. Mr. and Mrs. Greene are the parents of Earle Greene of Jay, Fla. and Elyean Atkinson of Tacoma, Wash. They have two grandsons and two great-grandchildren. No gifts are requested.

ROSARIO DE SANTA FE, Argentina (ebps) — Adrian Lamperti, member of the Evangelical Baptist Church in Echesortu, Argentina, seeks correspondence with Baptists around the world interested in cultural exchange. Lamperti is a photographer and correspondent for the two Christian periodicals "El Expositor Bautista" and "Buenas Nuevas." He also is a member of the "Grupe Artistico Bautista" (Baptist Artists' Group) and would especially like contact with Baptists working in the arts. His address is: Alsina No. 2444, 2000 Rosario de Santa Fe, Argentina.

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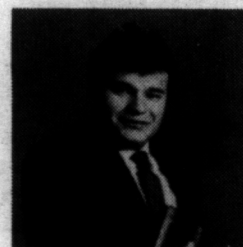
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## Churches adopt expanded annuity

The following churches have adopted the Expanded Church Annuity Plan since those reported in the August 9 issue of the Baptist Record: Hinds-Madison: Chapel Hill; Oktibbeha: Wake Forest; Pearl River: Unity; and Rankin: Easthaven.



# "What do you do about sin?"

By Bob Rogers

2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13

There is an old story about a new pastor in the mountains of North Carolina whose first sermon was against smoking. A member pulled the pastor aside and chided him for offending the tobacco farmers in the congregation. The next Sunday, he preached against drinking. The same member again complained, saying there were too many moonshine stills in the area for such preaching. Frustrated, the preacher demanded, "Then what can I preach about?" "Preach against them heathen voodoo doctors," the member replied. "Ain't none of 'em around here for miles!" Few of us want to face our own sins, and fewer still want someone else to make us face them. Both of those painful experiences happened in this Sunday's lesson, 2 Samuel 12:1-10, 13.

1. Ignoring sin. Second Samuel, Chapter 11 related the sordid tale of King David's affair with Bathsheba,

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and the murder of her husband, Uriah. Chapter 12 opened with Nathan the prophet appearing before the king. Months had passed, for the baby of David and Bathsheba had already been born (2 Samuel 11:27). David's actions had faded into the background of his memory when Nathan told the story of a rich man who took the poor man's lamb to feed a guest (vss. 1-4).

In self-righteous anger, David declared, "the man that hath done this thing shall surely die" (vs. 5). Literally, the Hebrew text said, "is a son of death," which probably meant David felt he deserved death. The law in Exodus 22:1 required a lighter penalty of repaying four lambs, which David cited in verse 6 as the lawful punishment. He could not see that he was the rich man, Uriah was the poor man; and Bathsheba was the lamb. Often we are blind to our own sin, even when we see clearly the sins of others. Jesus warned against such hypocrisy (Matthew 7:3-5).

### 2. Opposing sin.

With great courage, Nathan spoke some of the most daring words in the Bible. He may well have pointed his finger in the king's face as he

said, "Thou art the man" (vs. 7). Undoubtedly David sat on his throne in stunned silence as Nathan boldly confronted him with his murder and adultery (vss. 7-9). Nathan could have lost his life for such words. Speaking your honest convictions to the person or people who pay your salary can be hazardous. The temptation can be overpowering to smooth over the sins closest to us. In the early 1800s, few Southern preachers opposed slavery; in the early 1900s, few opposed the Ku Klux Klan. What subjects are we afraid to touch today?

### 3. Suffering for sin.

Sin has its consequences, even if we confess and repent. Nathan declared, "Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house" (vs. 10) and that David's own wives would be openly violated (vs. 11). David would suffer the loss of his child by Bathsheba (2 Samuel 12:15-18), as well as his sons Amnon (2 Samuel 13:28-29), Absalom (2 Samuel 18:14), and Adonijah (1 Kings 2:23-25). Absalom would violate his father's wives (2 Samuel 16:22).

### 4. Confessing sin.

God's amazing grace is emphasized in verse 13. "And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord" (vs. 13). For murder David deserved death, but Nathan replied, "The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die"

vs. 13).

Psalms 51 expressed David's confession on this occasion. In this beautiful psalm, David acknowledged that his sin, although committed against people, was ultimately an affront to God. "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned," he said (Psalm 51:14). He longed to be restored to fellowship with God and again experience "the joy of thy salvation" (Psalm 51:11-12). It was because of the genuine repentance expressed in Psalm 51 that we read of God's forgiveness in 2 Samuel 12:13. Our God is indeed a God of grace. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Whether you have ignored your sin, or have been obsessed by guilt over your sin, you can find forgiveness and cleansing when you face your sin before God.

Have everyone in your Sunday School class write down sins to confess. Symbolize your trust in God's forgiveness through Christ by throwing the paper in a trash bag, tying the bag up, and throwing it away as you read Psalm 51 or 1 John 1:9. A youth class may enjoy going outside to a clearing and putting their paper in a fire that you have prepared.

Rogers is pastor, Calvary Church, Gloucester.

## Participate in fellowship; pray, love, pull together

By Jim Smith

Acts 2:42-47; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7; Ephesians 4:1-6; Hebrews 13:1-3

When we say "fellowship" in a Baptist church, we usually think of gathering for some purpose that includes consuming copious quantities of excellently prepared food (I can truthfully say I have never met a bad cook in a Baptist church). Through Paul's writings we will learn that there is more to fellowship than "meeting to eat."

The early Christians gathered to fellowship for numerous reasons, including breaking of bread. They met to study and learn from the apostles. They were hungry for the words of Jesus. Old Testament scriptures were

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not readily available, and the New Testament had not as yet been written. The Word of God was passed down from person to person. Prayer was also a vital part of these early "church" meetings just as it must be today.

Because of the respect the people had for God and the faith they had, the apostles were able to work many signs and wonders by the power of God. These actions were a testimony to those inside and outside the church. God used them to draw many people to faith in Christ.

Many early Christians were "cast out" by their families just as it happens today among Moslems, Jews and other religions when a family member accepts Christ. Many lost all they had. Others sold all they had to meet the

needs of the "fellowship."

The early Christians had no "church buildings" to meet in but rather gathered in the temple and in homes to fellowship through the various ways we have discussed. There were no divisions as we often find today because of the excitement, enthusiasm, and sharing among the Christians involved.

Everything was done in fellowship and singleness of mind. People outside the church saw what was happening and wanted to be a part of it. The same thing happens in our world today when a church has "fellowship" in Jesus Christ — others want to be a part.

When we have a living, viable fellowship, Christians pull together to help each other. They share not only big problems of life but the day to day cares and trials that come upon all of us. It is well to remember that a trouble shared is but half a trouble, and a joy shared is a joy made double. It is the sharing of both our joys

and troubles in Jesus Christ that pulls us together as one in unity. When we love unselfishly as Christ loved and died for us, we become one in mind and one in body and that is the mind and body of Jesus Christ. When one part of our body hurts, the rest of our body hurts with it. The same is true with Christians in fellowship with one another. If one member has problems, and everyone else is sharing the hurt and is busy trying to help, no one has time to criticize and gossip.

We need to evaluate the "fellowship" in our church today. We may be shocked to learn that we are not always following the New Testament example recorded for us, if all we are doing is "meeting to eat." Let us rather continue in love one for another, and as Paul would admonish us, forsake not the assembling of ourselves together as some have, that the fellowship in Christ Jesus may continue.

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## David shows that faith under pressure matures one

By Lannie Wilbourn

1 Samuel 23:14-16; 26:8-11, 21-24

Pressure seems to be a fact of life today. Christians are under pressure to follow God's standards and trust him with the results.

Chapters 23 through 26 should be read straight through to get the full view of David as a hero without a home, living under the constant pressure of Saul's efforts to kill him. That was real pressure! The hero showed spiritual maturity by inquiring of God twice about battle with the Philistines after they attacked Keilah. David knew God's

will was important, even when the decision seemed obvious. David again knew the victory of God. But Saul was still not on his heels! It often happens that God-given victories are hardly celebrated before another old or new enemy rears its head.

David and his men stayed on the move in the rugged hill country of Ziph (23:14-16). The heat of the sun and Saul's pursuit kept them drained of energy. Faith falters with the onset of fatigue and fear rises when our own energy to resist the enemy is weakened. David and his men were victims of this common problem. But God protected David and his men. The friendship of Jonathan and David is instructive. They met for the last time (23:16-18) while David was at Horeh. Jonathan helped David "... find strength in God."

A friend can be a messenger from God. Jonathan offered David two assurances: (1) not to be afraid; (2) that Saul would not find him. The first assurance is in the form of a divine

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oracle. It is a declaration of faith in the salvation of God. Jonathan was not slinging syrupy phrases around as comfort to David. He was pointing to their friendship with God's faithfulness. The second assurance had substance based on Jonathan's past help. He had "insight information" which would be useful in helping David avoid capture. Next, Jonathan affirmed David as the future king. He added to that the humble personal affirmation of being David's friend and number two man in the kingdom. Assurance and affirmation are the expressions of deep friendship.

In these ways God protected David from Saul and provided encouragement while he was under extreme pressure. Viola Jacobson Berg said, "How can I lift a struggling soul and guide him if I never take his arm?" Through friends, God takes our arm!

Great temptations come when we see easy victories and ego boosts by defeating enemies with our own cunning and power. David had two opportunities to kill Saul without a battle. One came when Saul stepped into a cave "to relieve himself" (24:3 NIV). I suppose this was the equivalent to our modern rest stops by the interstate highways. Saul's robe was laid aside and David cut a corner off without being detected. He could have killed him.

The second opportunity came when David and Abishai crept into Saul's camp at night and took his spear and water jug. Abishai asked David's permission to kill Saul with his own spear. He was a professional who could kill with a single stab. However, God had caused a "deep

sleep" to come over Saul and his army (26:12 NIV). This was the reason for their successful escape. In Genesis 2:21 God anesthetized Adam to take a rib from his side and create Eve. The words, "deep sleep," are the same in both places. God was protecting David from Saul.

David could have ended his homeless fugitive days with Saul's death. He would have been a hero to his men in the cave. Abishai offered David an easy "out" from the accusations of those faithful to Saul and from any personal guilt. But David knew that revenge belongs only to God and to assassinate Saul was out of God's will. His spiritual insight deepened in the trials with God's protection and provision through them.

Choosing to live by God's standards and trusting him will bring trials and pressures. But during the hard times God proves his faithfulness. We are victimized by our culture. We have accepted as truth that life should always be easy and good. We believe that the "good life" is proof of God's blessing. How does that belief fit this part of David's life? He had been anointed as the future king of Israel. But he had enemies and hard times before his kingdom became a reality. God was with him in the hard times — under pressure, in danger, in hunger, in temptation to shortcut God's will. David showed that faith under pressure matures, deepens, and finds the face of God!

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## Mississippi Baptist activities

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| Sept. 16/23/30 | "Final Four" Enrollment Emphasis (SS Emphasis)  |
| Sept. 17       | How to Use and Administer BTN in Your Church; FBC, Corinth; 7-9 p.m. (DBS)  |
| Sept. 18       | How to Use and Administer BTN in Your Church; Calvary BC, Greenville; 7-9 p.m. (DBS)  |
| Sept. 20       | How to Use and Administer BTN in Your Church; Morgantown BC, Natchez; 7-9 p.m. (DBS)  |
| Sept. 20-21    | CWE Directors Retreat; Lake Tiak O'Khata, Louisville; 1 p.m., 20th — 1 p.m., 21st (CAPM)  |
| Sept. 21-23    | Campers on Mission Fall Rally; South Mississippi; 5 p.m., 21st Noon, 23rd (CoMj)  |
| Sept. 21       | Key Leader Seminar; Bapt. Bldg.; 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (CoMi)   |
| Sept. 22       | Small Church Leadership Conference; Mississippi College; 9:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m. (PD)   |
|                | Single Adult Leadership Conference; 9 a.m.-Noon; FBC, Senatobia/FBC, Greenwood/FBC, West Point/Forest BC, Forest/FBC, Hazlehurst/FBC, Hattiesburg/FBC, Biloxi/Calvary BC, Tupelo/Parkway BC, Jackson (DT) |



# Central Hills depends on Margaret Lackey

By David Townsend

Imagine a peaceful wooded setting dotted with prayer gardens and pavilions, a picturesque lake and a hillside amphitheater with a tree bough backdrop. Include a modern lodge and enough conveniences so it's not really roughing it. Connect all these sites with nature trails and put it in a centrally located area for easy access and you've got just about the perfect location for retreats, leadership training conferences, and a summer camp ministry.

Central Hills Baptist Retreat west of Kosciusko in rural Attala County is that place. As a recipient of the Margaret McRae Lackey State Mission Offering, Central Hills provides the summer missions camp program for Royal Ambassadors. During the non-summer months, Central Hills hosts retreats and conferences. In 1989-90, over 1,000 summer campers and over 2,000 retreaters and conference attendees benefited from the facilities.

"In the camp setting, and I think particularly in ours, we have the opportunity to help a camper realize that the Lord is a living presence with us every single moment of our lives," says Manager Dan West. "The campers are living a totally different lifestyle from what they live at home. They are pulled away from the influences of media and the world in general with carefully focused attention on the presence of Christ. They are guided in a personal quiet time devotional period every day where they alone communicate with the Lord. They are involved with the staffer in ways where the staffer can get to know those campers and where he can share himself as he really is."

West reveals that the total operating budget for Central Hills comes from the Margaret Lackey State Mission offering. It is supplemented by camper

fees, off-season retreat fees, and an amount from the Cooperative Program through the Brotherhood Department's budget to cover the salaries and living expenses of 10 summer staffers.

"All the rest of the staff are covered with salary and living expenses while they are on the property at Central Hills by the operating budget. So we are strictly guided by a division of the Margaret Lackey Fund."

George Steward, pastor of Longview Church in Pontotoc Association says he's never had any doubt about Central Hills as a good investment for the state missions offering. Representing Montgomery County as a member of the executive board in the early 1970s, Steward helped make the decision to purchase the property. He recently led the group from Longview Church on a weekend mission trip to work at Central Hills.

"In our Brotherhood, we've been talking 20 years about going out of the community for a mission project," Steward said. During their two-day stay, the men from Longview busied themselves preparing the grounds for the coming fall and winter months. As they took down tents, cleaned them, and packed them for winter storage, stacked beds and mattresses for storage, and prepared nature trails for winter use, they made some unexpected observations.

"We were working alongside groups at the different sites. Our men were impressed with these boys. Until you're there and you see it, it doesn't make an impression," Steward explained, adding that they were impressed with the dedication and hard work of not only the staff, but of Manager West as well. "As the manager, our men expected him to stand back and see that the various tasks were completed. He was as busy



Counselors and campers mill about in the amphitheater as they wait for morning Bible study to begin. Older campers meet in the amphitheater; younger boys meet in the chapel.

as anybody else. He had his boots on, washing tent flaps, packing, and storing tents."

Although Central Hills functions primarily as a boys' summer camp, Steward says the rustic setting should appeal to many groups as a retreat or conference site.

"It's a good enough facility to be used year round. Not just sit there. The only people not impressed are those looking for Hilton type plush accommodations. Anybody who goes with an open mind understanding what the main purpose is can't help but be impressed."

Steward's delight in the success of the Longview Church effort was punctuated by a positive response upon return home. "Our men came back wanting our church to go on a retreat!"

Dan West is pleased that Central Hills has become a popular destination for a variety of retreats and conferences. "In the past year we had about three weekends when we did not have at least one group in a retreat program. Also, many groups, such as senior adults, and other leadership training groups, were scheduled during weekday events. We've had groups this past year from as far away as Picayune and Reform, Ala."

In 1988-89, we had 46 associations participating in off-season events, with 2,301 persons involved

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Lane Oswald, 9, of Clinton, smiles in anticipation of another fun-filled day of camp. A tent was used during the first years of camp, as a dining facility.

If you start by watching the clock, you may well become just one of the hands. — The East Peoria (Ill.) Tazewell Courier

Money isn't everything — but it does help one to keep in touch with the children. — The Seneca (S.C.) Journal and Tribune

## Scholars discuss ways to move "beyond the impasse"

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP) — Speakers at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary's Pastors' School discussed ways to move Southern Baptists "beyond the impasse" in the denomination's current theological debate.

During sessions on "Four Views of the Bible among Southern Baptists," seven scholars spoke at the Louisville, Ky., school about the nature of biblical authority and interpretation. They also proposed ways for Southern Baptists to find common ground in the present theological controversy.

Papers presented at the Aug. 7-10 Pastors' School will be published in a book by Broadman Press co-edited by David Dockery, chief editor of academic books at Broadman, and Robison James, professor of religion at the University of Richmond.

During the conference, Dockery said Southern Baptists will have to decide if "we can hold together tensions on various views about the Bible as well as various views of interpreting the Bible." Southern Baptists must understand the Bible is truthful, authoritative and is both a divine and human book, said Dockery.

"A lot of us get quite hung up on terms like inerrant and infallible," he said.

"I think it is very possible to move

the discussion forward and still talk about the nature of Scripture without using those particular red flag terms."

"I would prefer that we talk about the Scripture as truthful, reliable and authoritative and see it having to be the normative guide for the church, for our lives and for the Christian community."

James observed that a "fundamentalist type of inerrancy is now the presumed norm" in the denomination. Unless "people are willing to rethink their position there is certainly no way forward," he said.

"I am willing to listen and learn," he said. "But how much willingness is there on the other (conservative) side?"

James noted there are "various views" of inerrancy and he has "no problem with some of them." Yet he said the "fundamentalist" view of inerrancy "makes it impossible for the full, authentic New Testament religion to get through to us."

Another speaker, R. Albert Mohler Jr., editor of the Christian Index, newsjournal for Georgia Baptists, said Southern Baptists need to try to build a theological consensus based on Scripture and historic Christian theology.

He maintained that a Southern Baptist consensus on Scripture will have

to "include an affirmation of biblical inerrancy," but he added that inerrancy will have to be "carefully defined in a way that can allow the vast majority of Southern Baptists to articulate their understanding of biblical authority."

John P. Newport, recently retired provost and vice president for academic affairs at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, stressed that the denomination's six seminaries have made efforts to build consensus in the denomination. He pointed out the seminary presidents developed the "Glorieta Statement" which pledged fidelity to biblical authority and promised conservative views would be treated fairly in seminary classrooms.

In addition, he said, the seminaries sponsored a conference on biblical inerrancy in 1987 and another on biblical interpretation in 1988. The conferences featured addresses by leading scholars from the evangelical world and responses by SBC moderates and conservatives. However, he said, most conservative SBC respondents "preached sermons" rather than tackling the issues raised by the evangelical scholars.

He said seminary leaders have given their "life blood" to try to bring about a theological consensus. He questioned whether conservatives are

interested in consensus building.

During a discussion about the value of the historical-critical method of biblical study, Paige Patterson, president of Criswell College in Dallas, said the historical-critical method had "shattered" the faith of many who have embraced its conclusions.

Furthermore, he said, pastors whose training involved the historical-critical approach often serve churches that "show alarming tendencies to loss in attendance and especially to decreasing evangelistic impact."

Walter Harrelson, professor emeritus of Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University Divinity School, said the historical-critical method is "indispensable" if the church is to pass on its tradition "faithfully and intact."

In the week's concluding address, Molly T. Marshall-Green, associate professor of Christian theology at Southern Seminary, called for a "functional view" of the Bible.

"Holy Scripture serves the church by pointing us to the story of salvation," she said. "The center of gravity in the Bible is its faithful narration of God's mighty acts, not the perfection of the text as a document itself."

Scripture's function is to "bring us to God through Jesus Christ," Marshall-Green said. "I'm simply saying we should not ask of Scripture to be other than it purports to be. I do

not look at my watch to try to see how much I weigh nor do I look to Scripture to find a scientific description of all of reality."

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